

Straub-McCall Debate Set for Today



ROBERT STRAUB Democratic Candidate

Robert Straub and Tom McCall, leading gubernatorial candidates, will debate at 3 p.m. today in the Student Union Ballroom.

Henry Drummonds, ASUO president, will moderate the program and introduce the speakers.

The debate will be covered live over KEZI-TV and is expected to be re-broadcast at a later time.

DISAGREE ON TAX RELIEF

McCall and Straub disagree on the approach to property tax relief. Each has accused the other of vacillating on tax proposals depending on the audience being addressed.

In the Portland debate, Straub said, "I am very much opposed to a sales tax. If it is referred to the voters, I will do all I can to oppose it."

McCall said, "I am opposed to a sales tax, but if our schools were to be emasculated by a 1 1/2 per cent tax limitation, I would reconsider my

prejudice on the matter."

Straub replied that he believes voters should have a right to decide on a sales tax, and they should have had the right to vote on the 1 1/2 per cent property tax lid.

This implied slap at McCall's handling of the initiative petition matter brought a retort from McCall that he was unaware there was any question on the number of required signatures on petitions, until the day before deadline.

FORMULA SET

"The formula was set five years ago, three years before I became secretary of state, and never to my knowledge was questioned until July 6, 1966," McCall said.

Straub said that a person taking over an office should "reappraise and re-evaluate" the way things are done. He said, "I would have an advantage because I am of a different political party, and I would come in with that kind of attitude."

McCall was elected on a Republican ticket to the position as Oregon's secretary of state in November, 1964. He had previously served as administrative assistant to Governor Douglas McKay.

Straub became Oregon state treasurer in 1964. A Lane County businessman and-rancher, he held previous political offices as county commissioner and as a state senator from this district.



TOM McCALL Republican Candidate

Survey Gets Faculty Rating

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of three articles on the reaction to the ASUO's Course Evaluation Booklet.

By NOMI BORENSTEIN Emerald Associate Editor

After the course reaction survey was completed, University President Arthur S. Flemming set up three ad hoc committees — faculty, administration, and students—to evaluate the booklet.

All three reports will be distributed to the general faculty before the November 2 meeting when the faculty will discuss the course survey at that meeting. Several issues have been raised concerning the survey which the faculty may consider.

QUESTION OF USEFULNESS

First is the question of the usefulness of conducting a survey, second the question of a universal sample, and whether or not the survey results, and this report in particular, should be used as one factor in deciding promotion and tenure in general.

At present, two of these reports — faculty and administration — have been released. The student report should be released either today or Friday, as soon as it has been mimeographed.

The faculty report states that student evaluation of teaching and courses has been going on at the University for some time, but that this survey is differentiated from earlier efforts because:

• "It comes on a wave of a nation-wide student unrest.

• "It is an outgrowth of student government.

• "The experiment was subsidized by the University.

• "The results were collected and will be interpreted by an agency of the University.

• "To a substantial extent, the results are a matter of general campus and community knowledge."

The report states that "the committee, as a matter of principle, approves of making participation in the survey voluntary. However, it might be suggested in passing that those who decline to participate are likely to be rated anyway in the event of future surveys with the accompanying risk of incomplete, inaccurate, and distorted ratings.

"Whether the findings of the survey should be made available to administrators or to the public or to both is largely an academic question. . . . a cursory examination of the Course Survey Bulletin suggests that the book was put together in good faith and with no evident air of vindictiveness."

The committee points out that "a single survey is scarcely sufficient indication of an instructor's effectiveness. . . . Only a sustained and controlled program of measuring student attitudes toward courses and instructors can be of value."

CAN BE OF VALUE

The administration report states that "it appears reasonable that valid and reliable data about student reactions to courses can be developed from a student

rating process like the one used last spring, particularly if some projected refinements are made in the process used in collecting the data."

The report states that "it appears equally reasonable" that the data would likely be used when administrators are making decisions about teaching effectiveness, if the data is made available for such use.

But the committee asked in its report that certain conditions govern this use, including the following:

• Administrators should remember that this data represents measurement of only one dimension of teaching effectiveness.

• Finding should be weighed together with other evidence, including evaluations of other faculty members.

• "Ideally, these ratings should be considered in evaluating teacher effectiveness only if the rating system is adopted on a universal basis . . . or if all instructors of an academic unit are rated" in order to be as fair as possible.

IN-CLASS QUESTIONNAIRES

Both reports agreed that the questionnaires should be distributed and returned in class.

The administration committee said that it could make no decision as to whether there "shall or shall not be student rating of classes in some form" because the "students may decide to formulate and publish ratings of courses and instructors whether or not they

have access to data collected on some valid and systematic basis."

This report states that it could be argued that it would be in the interests of the faculty to use a system like the one used last spring than if students did it "on an extracurricular basis."

PROMOTION AND TENURE

And it also could be argued that a rating system like this could serve in the interests of the faculty when promotion and tenure are made.

Administrators have been using student reaction when making these decisions. The report goes on to state that data collected in this manner has a much sounder basis than in the many cases when the data collected informally has been "fragmentary, in disorganized and not necessarily representative."

"The fact that such data would be made generally available would give the individual member an opportunity to challenge faulty evidence, and under the present system," the report points out, "he usually does not have such an opportunity."

The faculty report was compiled by Galen Rarick, associate professor of journalism; Joseph Hynes, associate professor of English; and Edwin Bingham, professor of history.

The administration report was prepared by John Hulteng, dean of the School of Journalism; Leona Tyler, dean of the Graduate School; and Charles Johnson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Counter-Interests Hamper SU Board's Tent Decision

By JAQI THOMPSON Emerald Staff Writer

In its longest meeting on record, the Student Union Board, after three ballots, decided Wednesday to allow the Peace Corps to pitch a recruiting tent on the lawn of the SU during the week of November 14-18.

Although the Board members expressed their personal enthusiasm for the Peace Corps and its

recruiting at the University, there were a number of factors which made it doubtful that the request for a tent on the SU lawn was in the best interests of the student body.

Last year the lawn did not recover from the effects of the tent for three to four months. This brought many complaints and so did the unsightliness of the "shack" VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America) erected on the walkway for its membership drive.

VISTA had requested a tent, too, but when the effects of the Peace Corps tent on the lawn were seen, the Board decided the lawn couldn't stand another one.

After the complaints about the VISTA structure came in, the Board decided not to give permission to WUS (World University Service) Week to erect its structure.

The Board received much criticism at the time that it was being unfair and inconsistent. It is still trying to decide where it should and does stand. The Board

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Course Change Deadline Friday

Friday is the last day to drop or add courses for fall term. A \$1 fee for each course dropped or added must be paid to the business office and the course-change card filed in the registrar's office before 5 p.m. Friday.

Students new to the University this term may drop courses through October 28, with the consent of their advisor and instructor.

In Portland October 24th

Kennedy Slated For Demo Rally

Robert F. Kennedy, Democratic senator from New York, has scheduled a campaign address for 8 p.m. on October 24 in Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

He was invited to appear in Oregon by Representative Edith Green as the head speaker at a fund raising dinner and rally for all Democratic candidates.

Free seating in the Coliseum will initially be limited to 5,000 people in order to maintain a stage effect. However, if a greater demand exists, more seating will be opened up, according to Bill Wiessert, editor of the Portland State Vanguard.

Wiessert said that the rally is being called "to stimulate student interest in the Democratic party."

While there is no indication that Kennedy will also make an appearance at the University, Larry Beathe, president of the campus Young Democrats, said his group has extended an invitation to Kennedy to speak before the University and Eugene audience "on or about the 25th." The regional director of the college YD's is also in contact with Kennedy's senate office in seeking his appearance here.

According to Wiessert, Kennedy will leave for Washington the day following his Portland appearance.

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