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Tom O'Connell Elected



NEW STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

Doug Schultz, Treasurer; Linn Thompson, Historian; Dawn Chambers, Secretary; Steve Hessel, Vice-President; Tom O'Connell

Mr. Ackerman gives congrats -

The student body elections are over, and a new group of officers has been elected. To those who ran and were successful, I offer my hearty congratulations and my earnest hope that you will faithfully fulfill the duties of your office in a manner befitting your new position.

You have a great challenge presented to you. The responsibility of guiding the students throughout the coming year will fall upon your shoulders, and it will take perseverance on your part to put your office above other things and work toward a solution of problems presented to you.

To those students who were unsuccessful in their efforts to win office, I congratulate you as well. To have been accorded the support which you received even though you did not win is something for you to be proud of. You have shown that you too have qualities of leadership and we earnestly hope that you will continue your efforts during the coming years.

We have a student body group of which we are rightfully proud, and we have a group of officers serving you now in the tradition of the man for whom our school is named. They leave you a challenge to accept for next year and a slate of accomplishments you may find hard to duplicate. Let us all get behind the new officers and do our share to make next year a successful one.

The Presidents Speak -

Fischer

I wish to thank Mr. Nelson, Mr. Ackerman, the faculty, the student council, the executive committee, especially Mary Ann Wilson, student body secretary, and the students of Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School for helping me help you produce a year of much harmony and satisfaction to all of us. In that you have placed your faith and trust in me by electing me to this high office I am thankful and hope that I have fulfilled your hopes.

Furthermore I would like to congratulate all the newly elected student body officers, especially, student body president-elect Tom O'Connell. I sincerely hope that all of you will "strive with the best at your command" in performing your duties in your respective capacities.

I am sure that all of you will continue to proudly conduct yourselves in all your endeavors as students of Roosevelt. I wish you luck. Thank you.

O'Connell

Again I would like to thank those who helped me in my campaign. I would also like to thank those who voted for me.

I appreciate the honor of being elected president, but I realize that it also has many duties and responsibilities. I intend to carry out these duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability.

At the campaign assembly, Thursday, various suggestions were mentioned that had to do with the improvement of the school. If these suggestions could be explored and developed, I am sure that our school would be improved. With the help of the student body, I hope to make these improvements.

You will recall that my platform included the idea of collecting suggestions for the betterment of the school from the student body. Sometime in the future, I will try to plan some method of collecting these suggestions.

I know that with your cooperation and support we will make Roosevelt Junior High a better school.



OUTGOING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Mary Ann Wilson, Secretary; Jan Aalbu, Historian; Dede Fischer, President; and Gretchen Reeker, Girls' League President.

Spring Review - May 1

Sports —

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April
 Tues. 22 Wilson vs. Roose. Wash. Pk.
 Tues. 29 Roose. vs Kelly Kelly

May
 Tues. 6 Roose. vs. Jeff. Roose.
 Tues. 13 Young vs. Roose. Roose.
 Tues. 20 Wilson vs. Roose. Roose.
 Tues. 27 Roose. vs. Kelly Roose.
 Thurs. 29 Roose. vs. Jeff. Jeff.

TRACK SCHEDULE

April
 Tues. 15 Young, Jeff., RJH, District
 Track, 3:30
 Thurs. 24 Jeff, Kelly, RJH, Kelly
 Track, 3:30

May
 Thurs. 1 Wilson and RJH District
 Track, 3:30
 Fri. 9 Jeff. and RJH District
 Track, 4:00
 Thurs. 15 Young and RJH Young
 Track, 3:30
 Thurs. 22 All Jr. High School Meet
 at District Track 1:30

Roosevelt's first baseball game turned out 3 to 2 with Roosevelt on the short end of the score and Cal Young on the long end. Dick Robertson pitched the first three innings and held the opposition to no hits. Then Robertson came close to winning his own game by hitting in Roosevelt's two runs.

We understand the team has a couple of candidates for the basket squad! We're only kidding. A couple of errors does not make a bad team and we suspect that the next score will be different.

Mr. Ward reports a good turnout for track. The Rough Riders performed very well in their first meet at the District Track.

Spring Review

"All aboard for the fashion cruise" is the theme for the style show portion of the Spring Review to be held here at Roosevelt, Thursday evening, May 1. The lovely ninth grade girls will model clothes they made in their home economics classes.

Eighteen of Mrs. Smith's singers will sing nautical songs for the program accompanied by Jan Aalbue. Sue Sprague will do a sailor's hornpipe and a trio of pirates will sing. These unlikely pirates are Bonnie Shinn, Bonnie Whitt, and Anna Womack. There will be an extra showing of the style show for the girls Thursday afternoon.

The other part of the program will be a display in the girls' gym of art, arts and crafts, wood shop and metal shop works by students.

Urge your parents to come and

Life Education Article Reviews

By Mr. Bell

Life magazine's presentation of the educational situation seems quite accurate and complete. I would agree that the responsibility of reform rests on the citizens of the entire nation, but it must go beyond just saying what should be done. It must include renewing our educational ideals, living those ideals, and activating those ideals with expenditures of money, time, and interest. Such an action type of program should make teaching so attractive that the public could be more selective in choosing teachers, and thereby maintain high standards of instruction. It should provide for the maximum development of every student.

In criticism of the articles, I feel that the style of presentation bordered on sensationalism. Further the examples were a little misleading. Specifically, the comparison between one of our superior students with the Russian boy would have shown a much brighter picture. In addition, the Portland science teacher is probably more energetic than most in obtaining more funds. Others of us would probably take advantage of the earning power of the rest of the family. As a third example it is doubtful that most gifted children have so many obstacles holding them back.

I believe the articles might also have included the following observations:

1. A pupil in the U.S. spends much of his time learning his governmental responsibilities whereas a Russian student may devote this time to academic learning.

2. It is doubtful that a gifted student is actually retarded by his teachers. If he actively seeks knowledge, he will probably receive direction. The rate of progress may not equal his potential, but can be

By Chachee Gilman

After reading the recent Life magazine series on American Education, I would like to bring up several points which I think were not mentioned.

The first is about the article on bright students. It seems to be true that the courses offered them in this country are often too simple. However, I think that the important things to remember is that bright students who are really interested in learning can, no matter what type of subject matter is offered. That is, they can find subject matter if they are truly motivated to learn.

This desire to learn can only be brought about by a national feeling of interest in knowledge and a feeling that it is important.

It looks as though the Russians gain knowledge to be better servants of the state. We in America must have knowledge to preserve our freedom and become successful in that free state.

It seems, too, as though much of the challenge of a subject lies in the teacher. In spite of this, our teachers are undereducated, underpaid, and burdened with too many tasks of drudgery.

sufficient to keep him at the top of his class.

3. It is further questionable that acceleration, more challenging school work, or more adult attention would relieve the loneliness of a gifted student. His need, acceptance by other students, is difficult to achieve when his interests are so different and intensive.

4. Finally, one of the major deficiencies in our schools may be our failure to teach students to accept superior performance in all areas as well as the mediocre and poor.



Dick Guske
 Outgoing Student Body Treasurer

Riders Elected at Eugene High

We, of the Rough Rider staff, salute next year's student body officers of South Eugene High School. All of them are ex-Roosevelt students. The newly elected officers are: Larry Hiron, student body president; Sandy Nosler, vice-president; Don David, senior class president; Joy Rubenstein, secretary; Dan O'Connell, president of the Axemans' Council; and Gretchen Spreckles, Girls' League president.

At least three of the girls on the rally squad have gone to Roosevelt; Connie Wilson, Ruthie Bartles, and Sue Brandley.