

How To Win At Berkeley

Koob Egdelwonk Found The Secret Of Success

(ACP) — (The following column was written by Tom Fraser in the Daily Tar Heel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.)

University of California researchers at Berkeley recently told their professional colleagues that campus protest leaders are "the nucleus of future scholarship."

What is not known, however, is Berkeley's new graduate school admission policy. To get the inside dope, I interviewed Koob Egdelwonk, who, although he graduated from the University of North Carolina with a 4.00 and an impressive record in student government was turned down at Berkeley. He wanted to work for a Ph.D. in nuclear physics there.

"You look extremely qualified," the admissions officer said, "yet you have a 4.00 average with-

out ever having belonged to the Free Speech Movement."

"Yes, sir," answered Koob very respectfully.

"Well, I'm sorry," the official replied, "but we cannot accept you because you haven't engaged in creative protest. I'm sure you see our side of the story; the statistics show campus activists rank higher on the intellectual orientation scale."

"Maybe," Koob suggested, "I could develop myself intellectually once I got to Berkeley, perhaps stop a few troop trains or threaten to become a human torch."

"We're sorry," the admissions officer said, "but we must rely on past deeds, not just on ability. Judging from your record, I would say you lack the motivation one needs to succeed at Berkeley."

Six months later, Koob revisited Berkeley after changing his identity. He wore dark glasses, a dirty T-shirt, and sandals. What's more, he did not hesitate before accepting the marijuana cigarette offered him by the interviewer.

Koob casually remarked that he had barely managed to graduate from UNC, that he had been suspended from school several times at the request of the governor, and that he used LSD (a hallucinatory drug).

"I'm very impressed," said the admissions officer. "Seems to me you're just the type of fellow who'll fit into our local Free Speech Movement, although the experts say the FSM people are not beatniks."

"Sure thing, old man," Koob replied. "Me—I go places. Just ordinary stuff — picketing the university administration, working to legalize pot, vandalizing military monuments."

Two weeks later he received a letter from Berkeley. "Dear Mr. Egdelwonk," it read. We have been checking and found that you have never been disciplined by the school as you said you were, and furthermore, that Chief Beaumont has never arrested you for

smoking marijuana. We find you to be an intellectual fraud."

Depressed, Koob ran out into the middle of Franklin St. and began screaming obscenities at the top of his lungs. When the authorities threw him into the paddy wagon, Koob said he was merely expressing his right of

free speech.

Meanwhile, back at Berkeley, the admissions officers read about the incident. The next day they paid Koob's bill so he could immediately take advantage of a \$6,000 scholarship offered by their physics department.

Constitutional Amendments

By GLENN DROMGOOLE
Battalion Editor

Proposed Amendment No. 9 to the Texas Constitution would give Texas legislators an \$8 daily pay raise for a 20-day longer session.

The suggested change, one of 10 to be voted on Tuesday, would affect Article III, Section 24 and Article IV, Section 17.

It would give members of the state House of Representatives and the Senate \$20 a day for their services for 140 days instead of \$12 a day for a 120-day session.

The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House would probably also receive pay raises if the voters adopt the amendment which also allows the legislature to set annual salaries for two posts instead of paying them the same sum representatives receive.

Arguments for include:
1. The \$12 per day now allowed representatives is unrealistic in relation to present costs of living. The longer pay period and higher daily salary would alleviate much of the financial sacrifice which service in the legislature now entails.

2. Duties of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House are as important to Texans, as time consuming and as complex as those of almost any state official, but their pay remains at the level they were when the positions were only a

parttime jobs and when their functions were little greater than those performed by the average member of the legislature. The Lieutenant Governor, next in line of succession to the governor, must wage the same statewide campaign as other state executives, yet his pay is almost negligible. Also the speaker must gain the confidence of 150 representatives, and the state as well. It is unfair to penalize these officials who contribute so much to state government by

continuing the low salaries they now receive.

Arguments against include:
1. Legislators received a pay increase to \$12 per day only five years ago and the annual salary provision of the Constitution was retained as well.

2. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House are, in actual practice, no more than members of their respective legislative bodies and should be given the same salary as their counterparts.

Arguments for include:

1. Representatives would not have to spend as much time campaigning and therefore would have more time to conduct legislative business.

2. Four year terms would cut campaign expenses in half and thus make the candidate less subject to special interests' influence.

3. Continuity in office, within certain limits, provides strength in government. There would be less executive influence upon the legislators and more sureness of positions by the House members.

4. Representatives would have more time to inform themselves on problems and issues that are today more complicated against include:

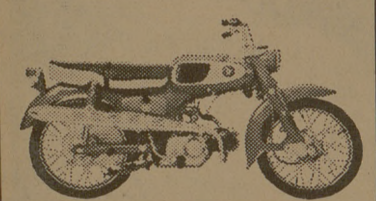
1. The House is supposed to be closer to the people than the Senate and removal of two year terms might tend to make representatives less responsive to the wishes of their constituents.

2. Texas citizens would be prohibited from removing legislators whose voting records have been irresponsible or in contrast to the best interests of the voters.

3. The temptation to increase selfish interests would be greater in a four year term.

4. Adoption of the proposal would give a House member elected to two terms almost life assurance of the position because of voter familiarity with his name, not his ability.

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