

The Millrace Story

It's an old story.

It's been repeated often, with only minor variations, and it almost ended many times.

It's the story of the Eugene millrace, almost 100 years old, dug by Hilyard Shaw to provide the city's first industrial power, and since become a part of the tradition of the University and the folklore and history of Eugene.

The story had another anti-climax last Saturday morning, September 17, at 8:15 a.m., when, with appropriate ceremonies, the Willamette river was again diverted to flow gently into the raceway it had ravaged during the 1945 flood.

Five long years during which a dry, dirty, trash-filled ditch was the "millrace" were ended, and a new, more happy chapter begun, one which will see rewritten the pageants and canoe fetes, the romances and the beauties of the old millrace.

Why not designate September 17 as "Millrace Day," with an annual celebration to commemorate the restoration of the hallowed old stream?

Why not unbow a bit and be sentimental, and pay due homage to the men and organizations who took pride in the beauty of the race, and fought successfully to get it restored? Men like Bill Tugman, Kieth Fennell, Dr. V. M. Walker, Warren Davis, and many, many others. Organizations like the Gateways Park association, the Millrace association, the fraternities, and the city council? And the people; the citizens of Eugene, the alumni and students of the University, who gave dimes and dollars until a fund was raised which matched that voted by the city council for the restoration project.

The University and the city have in the millrace a unique scenic and historical spot which cannot be duplicated, and once completely gone, cannot be restored.

The millrace is worth a lot in dollars and cents, but it is worth infinitely more for the memories and enjoyment it has contributed to the lives of thousands of University students and Eugeneans.

May the old millrace forever remain a shady place, where canoes drift in shadow and soft moonlight with silent, dreaming young couples.—B.T.

A Liberal Curriculum



If it's a "snap course" a student wants he might try the University of Denver, where a journalism class undertook the study of "How to smoke a cigar."

A glance through the Oregon time schedule of classes shows that the course is not listed at this University.

New Buildings -- New Hopes

Many wondrous things are evolving from the growing pains the University has been experiencing the past few years. The young year ahead should prove this.

The Millrace which will be re-filled by week's end, is probably the most extra-special, technicolor dream come true. Back will come, we hope, the much feted canoe fetes and the balmy (when it isn't raining) evenings on its banks.

Then, to use a familiar phrase, it looks as though we have "a fighting team" this year. Dreams of the Rose bowl—more technicolor dreams.

Among the finest additions to the University is the Student Union, which is beginning to look very much like the finished thing. And that's certainly a long awaited asset.

The list goes on and on. A staggering number of plans are maturing. Perhaps no summer has seen so many changes in the University as this last one—but they all are changes that have their basis in the long past. There's a new place of pleasant incarceration for women, Carson hall. An extensive landscape project is face-lifting the campus. Villard hall has become an asset rather than an antique what with its new wing and interior.

As yet nothing has been done about the insidious sprinklers which still water walks as well as grass. But we must leave something for the future—the future that looks so promising.—B. H.

President's Welcome to Newcomers

(Editor's note: The unfortunate thing about freshmen assemblies is the fact that only freshmen attend. Frequently the rest of the student body could well lend an ear to, or take a look at, the words of advice handed the new students. As one year, or two or three, pass, the ideals and aims with which men and women entered the University may slip into the background. So it does no harm to listen, with the eagerness of a freshman, to the words of President Harry K. Newburn, who addressed the new students and the class of '53 Sunday night in McArthur Court.)

I am happy for this opportunity to meet you early in your residence here at the University and to say a few words of welcome. Mrs. Newburn and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting and greeting many of you individually at the President's reception for new students later this week.

As one becomes older, he occasionally takes joy in looking back over his life and selecting those times which stand out as high points in his experience—those periods which remain as beautiful and exciting memories, and which classify among the treasures of his lifetime. I believe most adults would place among these treasured recollections their first days at college, if not all their college years. In welcoming you, I express the hope that you, too, during these first days at Oregon are collecting bits of experience which can be placed in your treasure chest of memories as highlights of your lives.

You will find the University of Oregon to be a friendly place where those who wish to take advantage of what the institution has to offer will be received with open arms. For the University is an educational institution dedicated to the development of strong, intelligent, sturdy and characterful individuals. It has much to give those who come to learn and who realize that learning and achievement are dependent not only upon their intellectual ability but upon the effort they put forth as well. This institution can provide you with many rich experiences but it cannot force you to profit from them. You and you alone will determine whether your days here will provide a succession of meaningless activities leading inevitably to frustration as you realize that your time has not been well

spent, or, on the other hand, a series of happy and fruitful experiences leading gradually to the realization that you are profiting much from your stay.

A great university consists largely of an atmosphere which provides the setting for learning. We have on this campus a fine library filled with a storehouse of wisdom; numerous laboratories for analysis and experimentation; classrooms, playing fields, lecture halls and all the other paraphernalia of learning. More importantly, we have assembled a teaching staff well prepared in their various fields of learning and dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and the education of young men and women. You bring with you, we hope, an eagerness to learn, the vivacity, spontaneity, and energy of youth, along with a knowledge of the necessity to put forth honest effort if you are to achieve anything worthwhile. If you do exert such effort from the beginning, you will have our full cooperation and sympathetic understanding of your struggles to overcome the many obstacles before you. Beyond this, however, you will acquire the quiet happiness which will come with the growing conviction that you are adding consistently to your intellectual, moral, and spiritual capital so essential to citizenship in the world today.

There was never a time when the world needed more desperately the services of wise, sincere, and public-spirited citizens. The United States stands today and for a few years, as the world struggles back from the abyss of dissolution, at the pinnacle of her possibilities for leadership. Whether she will meet the challenge thus provided will depend pretty largely upon the service the nation secures from your generation and succeeding generations as they reach maturity. The university man and woman should welcome the great opportunity college study provides them to secure the background necessary to meet this test with flying colors. We hope you will have a happy and profitable year here at Oregon, but beyond all we trust you will find here the wisdom, strength, and courage for true leadership and service.

—President H. K. Newburn.

Sororities, Fraternities Pledge 500; DZ, SAE Draw Largest Classes

Two hundred and seventy four coeds were pledged to 16 University sororities following the closing of rush week last Friday, while 21 fraternities attracted 226 pledges. The traditional pledge dance, sponsored by the interfraternity council, was held in honor of the pledges Friday night.

Delta Zeta pledged 26 women to lead sororities, while Sigma Alpha Epsilon led fraternities with 19 men.

Names and houses:

Sororities

ALPHA CHI OMEGA: Barbara Allison, Elaine Hartung, Helen Hyche, Gwen Jones, Donna Lusby, Helen Shanks, and Ann Thayer, all of Portland; Joann Bleth, Eugene; Betty Jo Bucklin, Hood River; Mary Gilham, Newport; Marian Brown, Nyssa; Carla Cunha and Rosemary Vaught, both of Pendleton; Hallie Williams, Roseburg; Nancy Lunsford, Berkeley, Cal.; Barbara McVicker, Orinda, Cal.; Betsy Fraser, Sacramento, Cal.; Jane Pekramen, San Francisco, Cal.; Arden Alexson, Tacoma, Wash.

ALPHA DELTA PI: Dorothy Cleaver, Shirley Crabb, Constance Reese, and Frances Neil, all of

Portland; Mary Ellen Burrell, Janis Evans, and Nancy Grim, Eugene; Patricia Bellmer, Cascade Locks; Janice Whipple, Drain; Anne Graham, Jasper; Charlotte Stone, LaGrande; Jacqueline Conrath, Pendleton; Verona Van Cise, Tillamook; Sharon Stacey, Tulelake; Sally Shriver, Tucson, Ariz.; Mary Paulsen, Longview, Wn.; Janeth Youngs, Well, B. C., Canada.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA: Nancy Ann Hall, Carol Kelsay, and Donna Pastovich, all of Portland; Clatys Anderson, Barbara Cox, Diane Howard, and Margaret Jarvis, all of Eugene; Roberta Matson, Cannon Beach; Judith Slack, Coquille; Fern Lyon, Empire; Cicely James, Gladstone; Ida Alice Peck, Grants Pass; Mary Lou Stanberry, Klamath Falls; Virginia Ellis and Twila Kevin, both of Oswego; Ann Britts, Rainier; Pat Rice, Silverton; Bonnie Stock, Westfir; Sally Hulse, Oakland, Cal.

ALPHA OMICRON PI: Norma Beetem, Mary Eilertson, Marjorie Fulton, and Betty Louise Jones, all of Portland; Bette Eggimann, Eugene; Charlotte Berry, Astoria; Jean Annabil and Beverly Hart, Grants Pass; Sherry Jo Antony,

Medford; Mary Louise Bliefernack, Ontario; Nancy Galbreath, Kentfield, Cal.; Emily Nichols and Marcia Woodward, Los Angeles, Cal.; Sharon Ord, Nampa, Idaho.

ALPHA PHI: Maxine Anhoury, Patricia Dominey, Maxine Krisch, Joyce Kuniholm, Sue Lichty, and Peggy Nygard, all of Portland; Mary Alice Baker, Eugene; Marlee Smith, Clakamas; Totsie Lisky, Klamath Falls; Alice Morrow, Milwaukie; Barbara Hawkins and Donna Lawson, both of Tillamook; Marilyn McDonald, Olympia, Wn.; Ann Parsell, Spokane, Wash.; Shirley Vander Ende, Tacoma, Wn.

ALPHA XI DELTA: Gertrude Plambeck, Margaret Powne, and Stephanie Scott, all of Portland; Ann Gentle, Eugene; Hazel Gift, Bonanza; Alice Deihl, Coos Bay; Elizabeth Olson, Dayton; Jane Graham, Newport; Patricia Choat, North Bend; Viva Mary Leseberg, Nyssa; Dolores Parrish, Oswego; Jacqueline Horne, Pendleton; Norma Kloster, Springfield; Sondra Darnell, Glendale, Cal.; Marilyn Moss, Weiser, Idaho.

CHI OMEGA: Joan Beggs, Joan Clark, Jane Cover, all of Portland; Mette Brix-Kjelgaard, Jeanne Hall, Eugene; Joanne Abel, Astoria; Kathleen Ackerman, Beaverton; Dorothy Corkett, Bend; Barbara Calvert, Grants Pass; Barbara Person, Hillsboro; Phyllis Blandine and Maralynn Manning, McMinnville; Nancy Lageson, Medford; Joan Murphy, Oswego; Julie Northrup, Balboa Island, Cal.; Patricia Bishop, Berkeley, Cal.; Jean

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