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## Boundaries, Politics Complicate Island Rule, Keesing Points Out

BY SISTER MARY GILBERT

A co-ordinated approach to common problems of Pacific Island peoples is the major advantage of the South Pacific Commission, according to Felix M. Keesing, senior United States member of that body.

Mr. Keesing stressed political and economic difficulties in this, the second Condon lecture given Thursday in Chapman Hall. C. P. Schleicher, professor of political science, introduced the speaker.

"The major objective of Pacific Island Policy is strongly debated," Mr. Keesing pointed out. "Some nations favor preserving native culture, others feel that it should be exposed to other civilizations."

The arbitrary nature of boundaries and wide variations in size and political status are factors complicating island government, Mr. Keesing explained. He advocated progressive development of a sense of political unity among these peoples to develop a kind of nationalism among them.

"Local administration is working reasonably well," he asserted, "but above the local level, success varies. Diversity of language and customs makes consolidation difficult."

Trusteeship or guardianship is the temper of the times in dealing with islanders, Mr. Keesing observed. But natives must be protected from politically articulate groups of outsiders. Maintaining a final supervisory power by the administrative nation is the solution to this problem.

Economically, the islanders' problems are the development of local resources, marketing outlets, transportation, and health measures such as sanitation and nutrition.

"The social system of the islanders is being modified," Mr. Keesing declared. The long-term picture, though not bright, is gradually being improved through research and experimentation."

## Faculty Eleven Has Workshop

Eleven University faculty members are instructing Springfield High School teachers at workshops yesterday and today.

The workshops, sponsored by the State Board of Higher Education in various parts of the state, have been aided by several University faculty members in the past year.

Faculty members assisting at Springfield include: Mrs. Jean K.

Glazer, M. R. Sponenburgh, and A. M. Vincent, art; D. M. Dougherty, foreign languages; V. S. Sprague, and Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, physical education.

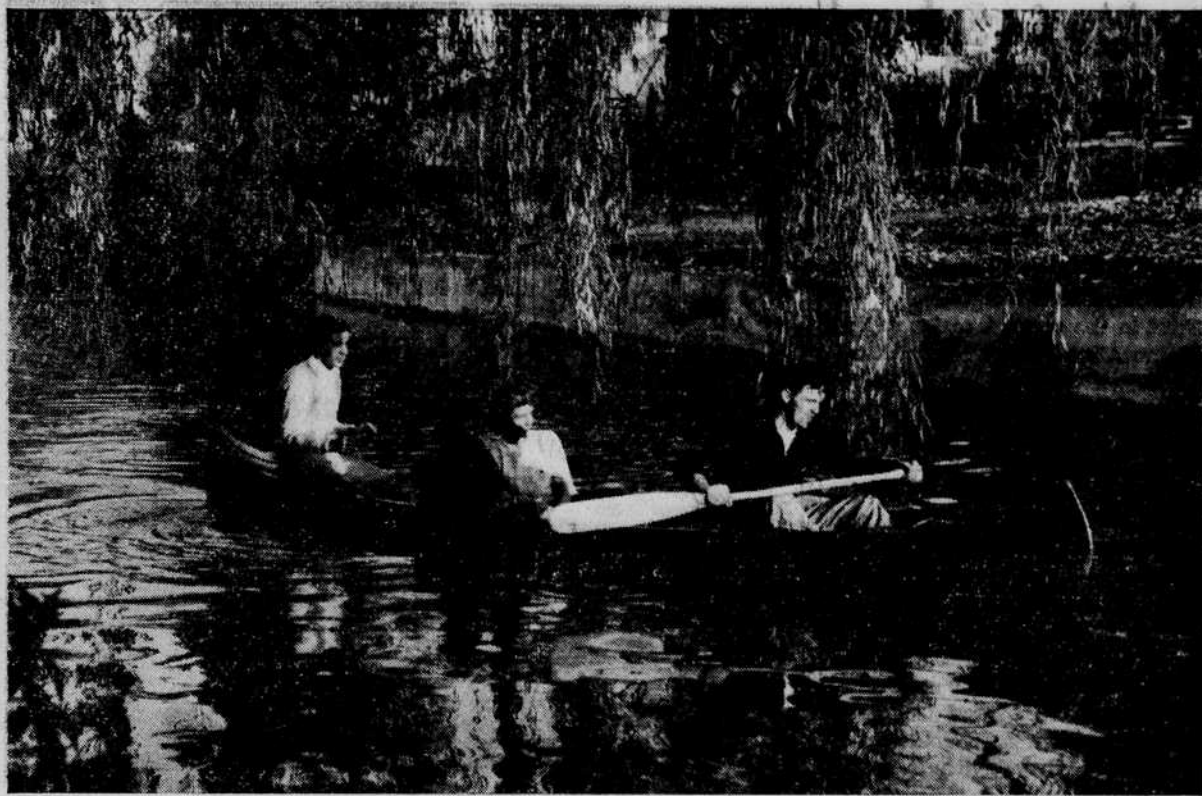
Others instructing are: N. H. Oswald, English; Herman Gelhausen, voice; Quirinus Breen, history and social science; and P. E. Kambly, R. E. Eiserer, and P. B. Jacobson, education.

## Queens Read the Oregana



CO-JUNIOR WEEKEND QUEENS of 1949, Mary Margaret Jones (left) and Phyllis Morgan, take a look at "big name" pages in the 1949 Oregana. Occasion—the Oregana swings into the last week of its "late sales" campaign for the 1950 book. Among other features, the new issue will contain pages commemorating the ascent of Misses Jones and Morgan to royalty. (Emerald photo by Gene Rose).

# Grand, Glorious, Sewage-Laden Millrace Back After Four Years



IT'S GREAT FOR CANOEING! After a four-year interlude, Webfoots may once again try out their sealegs on Oregon's famed Millrace. Les Cutting, Dolores Steele, Pat Bishop, and Mac Epley (from left) do their navigating for Photographer Art French.

By Bob Funk

Oregon's Great Sentimental Institution, the Millrace, is finally back after four long years of drouth and despair. It flows, as in days of yore, down behind the Anchorage, shallow and sewage-laden.

But, by jiminy, it's there, and that's the important thing.

People around Eugene and the campus have been working for a long time to get the Millrace re-

stored. "Inclement weather" got downright nasty one day four years ago and the dam at the head of the millrace was washed out, leaving the race bed extremely dry.

### LONG-TIME EMPTY

It stayed that way for some time, collecting weeds, beer bottles, and lovers' trysts. An organization known as the Eugene Millrace Park Association decided that

something had to be done.

Something was.

The EMPA people got busy and convinced Eugene voters that money should be voted for millrace restoration. The money was voted in an election held in the spring of 1948, the amount being \$20,000.

### EXCITEMENT

More money had to be raised, though, for reasons which now seem rather obscure. So, with the aid of an ASUO millrace committee, EMPA presented the City of Eugene with some handsome matching funds. Engineers poked around, the Register-Guard and Emerald wrote stories, meetings were held, and things got terribly exciting.

Then tragedy struck. A downtown printing firm started to fill part of the lower end of the race. Their object: to utilize some valuable property.

### FILL COMPLETED

EMPA and pals began an intensive drive to prove that such goings on were illegal, unpatriotic, anti-Oregon, and possibly immoral. Nothing came of all this. The fill was completed—with a pipe to allow for water passage.

This crisis reverberated around for awhile, and was then forgotten. Last spring Oregon students signed their breakage fees away for millrace restoration, and this fall the first water seeped down past the Anchorage. Things were supposed to return to normal.

With water in the millrace, Oregon traditions such as canoeing, junior weekend floats, dunkings, and general horsing around could be revived. Then too, old millrace songs such as "As I Sit and Dream at Evening" would again become up-to-date.

### ODD HAPPENINGS

Things were not to be so rosy, however. First, odd things kept happening to the water level. At times this fall the water has risen threateningly, holding the fascinating prospect of an 11th-Street flood. At other times it has dropped without apparent cause.

To add to the changes in water, it was found recently that the millrace has a high content of Springfield sewage. This sewage is sufficiently potent to give swimmers or dunkers anything from a head cold to the bubonic plague.

It is now apparent that the millrace will be a campus problem child for some time to come. However, this is a great boon to all the people who have such grand fun working in EMPA and the ASUO millrace committee.

## Players Introduced Last Night At 'Beat Washington' Spirit Rally

A large turnout for last night's spirit rally at John Straub gave the Oregon Webfoots a rousing send-off for Saturday's football game with Washington, to be played at Portland's Multnomah Stadium.

More than 1000 students, many with posters illustrating the "Beat Washington" theme, gathered to see Coach Jim Aiken and his Ducks introduced. All players and coaches said a few words, emphasizing the

team's own keyed-up spirit.

After Yell King Jim Crismon led several yells, Woodley Lewis took over and led the team in a cheer for the students.

The Ducks leave for Portland early Saturday morning.

Oregon students attending the game must be in their seats by 12:45 p.m. Saturday. Those with athletic tickets enter gate "B," on S.W. 18th Street. Gates open at 11 Saturday morning.

## Weather Conditions Affect Sleep, Class Attendance

By Marjorie Bush

Empty seats at eight o'clocks and nodding students in the back row may not indicate utter laziness! In fact, these things may be proving a scientific law.

This heartening news was told recently by J. C. Stovall, professor of geography, to his class in climatology.

"Under certain climatic conditions, that eight o'clock class doesn't seem important at all," Stovall said.

These conditions prevail when a warm rain storm moves in from the Pacific Ocean, with subsequent temperature boosts and lowering of barometric pressure.

This lowering of pressure is extremely relaxing, Stovall added, and gives that complete "let-down" feeling. A lot of oversleeping and absences result.

However, he chuckled, some students bring this relaxed feeling on themselves with no help from the climate. Another dark point was added. We haven't had a typical storm of this kind this fall; therefore, science can not excuse the early morning class-skippers to date.

These storms with high temperature and low pressure with a warm rain are called "cyclonic storms." They occur especially in the fall and from February to March.

Another phase of the subject

"which everybody talks about but nobody does anything about" was brought up by Stovall.

"There is a nice correlation between the weather and business conditions," he pointed out.

After a long period of bad weather with business going on as usual, a bright day brings on a vacation effect. People forget their doctors' and dentists' appointments and business is slack until about the third day when it returns to normal.

People plan their shopping according to the weather, especially that of the morning. A rainy morning will discourage shoppers, but on a rainy afternoon, even if the morning was sunny, people will have made up their minds and will go shopping anyway.

In conclusion, it would seem that people can blame weather for many of their often otherwise unexplainable actions. And 8 o'clock class attendance continues to fall.