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CAMPUS COMMENT

Realistic Approach

If the Millrace is ever to be restored, the real incentive for the restoration will have to come from University of Oregon students. The Eugene city council has had the matter under consideration for over six months, yet nothing definite has been decided.

One complaint of the city council is that University students aren't really interested in the Millrace. This may have been true in the past. It no longer is a just complaint.

Formation of a Millrace Council two weeks ago was one of the first tangible examples of student interest in the Millrace. The ten Millrace houses, eight fraternities and two sororities, banded together at that time to "take immediate steps toward restoring the Millrace." The group also sought to gain support for its project from the entire campus.

This Saturday the Millrace council will conduct a limited cleanup of the 'Race. The cleanup is planned as a gesture to the city council to show that the Greek houses on campus are interested in Millrace restoration.

A full scale operation (such as the cleanup last spring) could not be planned at this time because of the impossibility of completely draining the Millrace during the winter season. Street drains enter the 'Race, and about a foot of rain water from these drains now stands in the Millrace. The expense of pumping dry the 'Race at this time would be prohibitive.

The Millrace council has demonstrated a realistic approach to the problem. If the 'Race is ever restored, it will be as a result of action by students such as those who organized the council.

Coordinated Activities

The AWS council will propose the creation of two coordinating women's groups in the February election in an attempt to streamline women's activities at Oregon.

The proposals sound good on first reading and should be seriously considered by Oregon activity women. However, all concerned should be extremely careful they are creating groups that will do a definite, needed job. Oregon women have lots of meetings to attend and should make good and sure they're getting their money's worth before they add two more.

Keeping the office of student affairs up to date on women's activities would apparently be the most important duty of the proposed AWS activity board. Since a member of each women's living organization would sit on the board, it would be possible to keep an up-to-date, accurate accounting of each individual woman's activities. Supposedly this would be of great help in making more equitable scholarship and award selection.

The proposed AWS executive council has more ambitious purposes. Its duties would be to coordinate what appears to be all the women's organizations on campus including Mortar Board, Phi Theta, Kwama, YWCA, WRA, women's living organizations, Panhellenic, Coed co-op council and AWS. Since the presidents of all these organizations will sit on this council, it should certainly have the woman-power to do the job.

We certainly can't find fault with the intentions of any agency that aims at coordinating women's activities. In fact more power to 'em. — (D.L.)

Committee Workers May Start Stampede

By Sam Frear
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Just supposing, say, a meeting was called for all members of the many and varied Student Union committees. And, just supposing, a stipulation was thereon also attached thereto which threatened a fate much worse than death.

Supposing, say, that all delinquent members would lose activity credit for such committee, if he, or she, failed to show his, or her, shiny—and unknown—face before his, or her committee chairman.

And just imagine, if you could, the scene that would thereupon and because of, ensue. Say, perhaps, many thousands of desperate students—mobbing the doors, pushing, shoving, clawing, and spitting—just because they don't want to lose some very easily gotten activity points.

And likewise and similar to, is an interesting fact wherein it takes a hundred and a half freshmen to put on a little old dance. Now, just supposing, the dance was only for committee workers and their dates. The dance could be, say, the biggest of the year.

And this banquet for Sno-Ball committee chairmen to be held before the dance. If all Sno-Ball committee workers were allowed to attend, it

might be, perhaps, the biggest banquet of the year.

A grand occasion. Now, just supposing, all committee members of the all different kinds of committees, made regular appearances at such committee functions. These, might be, the most populous things on campus.

Real fun. But, no doubt, upon inspection, (and a little resurrection), we'd find committees really very small, with just a very few to do the work.

No doubt. For an ex-committee chairman was known to say, that from his roll of members (about thirty-seven or so), he knew—and saw—a little less than ten.

Perhaps he shouldn't be so demanding. After all, when a this-year-freshman petitions next year for some chairmanship or other, he or she will need, of course, some qualifying experience to insert in that space on the top of the petition.

So let him, or her, insert that "Junior Assistant Co-Chairman of the Under Committee of the Brothers and Sisters Buffet Tea Sub-Committee on Helping with Decorations, (Reserve Element), Fall, 1955," on the top of the sheet.

It may be all right to leave that petition space reserved for "Suggestions" a complete blank, but social prestige, and honoraries, and all that "leadership" business demands at least one kind of chairmanship, which in turn requires committee "work."



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Intervention Interpretation May Give Peiping Victory

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
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So long as Peiping interprets United States policy as meaning non-intervention for defense of anything but the Pescadores and Formosa itself, it can proceed to present its home front with victory after victory.

Island after island can be "liberated." The promise that Formosa will be conquered for Red China gains substance. The Red Chinese need not, for a long time to come, give any indication that they intend to stop short of the Pescadores and Formosa out of respect for the US Seventh Fleet.

Important to Propaganda
Such a string of victories and "liberations" would be important to Red Chinese internal propaganda. It can offer conquests of the islands and defiance of the United States in exchange for public belt-tightening so that Peiping's armies can become more and more mighty.

The conquests are important for Peiping's external propaganda, too. Peiping's claim to be the dominant power in Asia is buttressed. So is the claim to recognition as the rightful representative of the Chinese people in the United Nations.

Appeal to Red China
With Peiping still outside the UN, that organization can do little but appeal to the Red Chinese not to risk plunging Asia—and possibly the world—into a major war.

If the Peiping decision to invade Yikiangshan was in the nature of a test, to determine what Western reaction might be, the Red Chinese now have their answer:

The United States will not defend the outlying islands. The reaction in Britain and elsewhere in the non-Communist world was tinged with fear that the island fighting might lead to something far more grave. President Eisenhower's suggestion that the UN step in to preserve peace in the Orient seemed to have been received with a sigh of relief. All this bespoke the extreme reluctance of the

Western powers to become involved in the shooting. But all this also gave the green light to Peiping. There seems nothing in the way of the Chinese Red army now if it wants to launch a long campaign of island-hopping until all but the Pescadores and Formosa are in Communist hands. The threat to Formosa will remain as Peiping's biggest bludgeon in its intercourse with the Western world.

Oregon Principals Hold Conference

By Evelyn Olsen
Emerald Reporter
The winter conference of the Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals opens today on campus and will continue through Saturday afternoon.

University President O. Meredith Wilson will deliver the address of welcome in the Dads room of the Student Union. Cliff Skinner, president of OASSP, will preside.

Talks are scheduled by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and Clyde Beard, William Bear, and Duane Christenson of the Oregon Association of Student Councils.

Texan to Speak
Guest speaker for the conference will be J. G. Umstadt, professor of education at the University of Texas. He will speak on "Appraising the Secondary School."

Following the opening sessions, the principals will adjourn to

Eugene High school for a crab feed and entertainment. Saturday the group will meet as a whole to hear committee reports on transfer student records, junior high schools and the Interstate council.

Jacobson Scheduled
Paul B. Jacobson, dean of the school of education, will speak on "Current Problems in Education," following the committee reports.

After late morning and early afternoon group discussions, the group will meet for its final session. Harry Jacoby, chairman of the scheduling committee, will report on scheduling of students. Other speakers will be Umstadt, Dean Micklewait and Bob Kusenberry. A business meeting will bring the session to a close.

A tea for wives of conference delegates will be held Friday afternoon between 3 and 5. The tea will be at the home of Dean and Mrs. Jacobson.

The Scheming Mind



"The pencil sharpener seems harder to crank since Professor Snarf moved it up front."

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