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College Capers... From Coast to Coast

Dance Favored

For the past few days the military has been polling its students to learn their sentiments on the Military Ball. Apparently the results have been heavily in favor of the dance.

Two weeks ago the Emerald criticized the proposed Military Ball on the basis that it was being reintroduced to the Oregon social arena under essentially the same conditions for which it had been originally banned.

In 1953 the dance got the boot because: The winter term social calendar was too crowded; the dance had previously lost money, and there were too many dances in the term. The Emerald expressed doubt that such a dance would be a success this term and requested the military to poll its students to determine their reaction to the proposed dance.

Apparently the military took Emerald advice for it did poll its students. It was done democratically by secret ballot. But possibly some credit for the favorable vote is due the Emerald.

After the Emerald had shown critical interest in the dance, we understand, the military did firm up dance plans and did make haste to explain specific details to the men. Explanation that dance attendance is not required, that uniforms need not be worn and that the admission price will be "under \$2" must have helped stimulate a favorable student attitude.

One fact we would like to clear up. According to numerous reports about the ROTC class discussions on the Military Ball, the Emerald was vigorously criticized for muddling the facts when it reported that the last Military Ball lost \$250. These figures on the 1952 dance may be found in the all-campus dance files located in the SU Program Director's Office. The files are open to the public.

Anyway, to get back to the central issue, two things are obvious: 1. There is an over abundance of activities this term. 2. There is going to be a Military Ball.

The problem of too many activities is a deep problem, and the Military Ball is simply a graphic example of why the problem isn't getting solved. Some day maybe we will stop adding and start subtracting some of the campus busy work. When this happens (the golden age) we will have fewer, better activities and, who knows, maybe even a little time left over to hit the books.

In the meantime, the poll indicates ROTC students are enthusiastic and this should mean a successful dance.

So if you're in town March 5, and you don't want to study, and you've got the price of a ticket, and a date, we suggest you take in the Military Ball. For a departmental affair it ought to be a hum-dinger. After all, how many departments on campus can import free 20 piece bands.—(D.L.)

A Tradition Reborn

After a lapse of a good many years, an old Oregon tradition is to be reinstated on campus this year. A Canoe Fete along the Millrace is once more to be a part of Junior Weekend.

A steering committee, headed by Bob Schooling, is now at work on plans for a limited water event, with the backing of the ASUO senate. Petitions have been called for, and committees are being formed to coordinate work on the Canoe Fete.

This year's fete will be of a limited nature, with perhaps only ten floats participating. It is but a start toward re-establishment of the once traditional water carnival, which was supplanted by the street parade of floats about the time the Second World War broke out.

Important thing about this year's fete is not its size, but the fact Oregon is to have one at all. Real purpose of the Canoe Fete will be to demonstrate to Eugene and the state that the University is still interested in the Millrace and that restoration of the historic stream is an item of vital concern to the students on campus.

In order to achieve this purpose and make the resurrected fete a success, campus-wide cooperation and enthusiasm will have to be forthcoming. The Canoe Fete can't be staged by just the ASUO senate and a handful of committee workers. Genuine student interest must be demonstrated by members of all living organizations, especially the Millrace houses who will probably be asked to enter floats in the fete instead of in the street parade.

The building of floats this year will be no easy task. The skill and ingenuity needed to construct water floats has been lost through the years. These skills will have to be re-learned. But after this year, participation in a water carnival should be easier.

The Canoe Fete this year is our bid for a restored Millrace. If we can show others that interest in the 'Race tradition has not died out, chances for restoration will be greatly enhanced.

Support for the fete, from all segments of campus, will be a constructive addition to the picturesque tradition of the University of Oregon.

By Elliot Carlson
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Attention loyal Emerald patrons! Your attention and enthusiasm is now directed to the latest campus to campus flashes. With your permission College Capers will continue with the most thorough symposium of continental affairs this side of Max Schulman.

ON THE UNIVERSITY of Washington campus a movement has been initiated to spread knowledge of social etiquette among younger students on campus, as it seems a lack of it is embarrassingly prevalent. The Social Education committee, consisting of the AMS and AWS, are now investigating problems of finances and general etiquette.

FOR SOME REASON UCLA has a problem of a lack of vitality in a majority of its students. Anyway, in a poll it was determined that 50 per cent of the Bruins eat no breakfast or an inadequate one. The pollsters continued that the odds are 5-3 greater that the person with an inadequate breakfast will be unhealthy. This is lucky for Coast Conference teams. Unhealthy the Bruins are hard to beat, however, if they were healthy they'd be unbeatable.

THE LITERARY MAGAZINE at the University of British Columbia is in dire need of literary

writers. However, the literary writers on the University of Oregon campus are in dire need of a literary magazine.

Also on the UBC campus something new is to be added, a difficult procedure on any campus. Frosh there have started a new fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma, exclusively for male freshman. However, UBC's IFC is taking a dim view on such proceedings.

THREE CLASS officers were relieved of positions at the University of Washington because of failure to make their grades. The senior class vice-president and treasurer plus the sophomore class vice-president all failed to make two points, which leaves three vacancies open for ambitious politically-minded students. Although the Husky enrollment is nearly 14,000 (which is 12th in the country) they still seem to lack qualified student officers. If any U. of O. students desire to lend the Huskies a hand with the aforementioned positions they're asked to apply at 233 Hub—Seattle.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI psychologists have allegedly explained that tired feeling. They say it's a temporary state of reduced capacity to perform work, mental or physical, resulting from performance, and recoverable from by rest—which reminds this columnist, it's time to...

Academic Preoccupation



"Your wife just called—you left your briefcase on the back porch."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

New Policies Established

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The United States is trading off parts of two former policies in establishing its new "fight if we must" position in the Formosa Straits.

For a long time this country preferred to keep Chiang Kai Shek's forces on Formosa poised as a threat to the Red regime on the mainland. Chiang's people talked as loudly about returning to recapture the mainland as the Reds did about absorbing his island. This was pressure against Red military activity anywhere.

Now a virtual ultimatum is being delivered to the Reds in the hope that they will not face up to war with the United States, and therefore will accede to a ceasefire. This would also mean a return to the Truman policy of keeping both sides inactive, a policy which was renounced, on paper if not by action, by President Eisenhower.

Both Eisenhower and Dulles have shown great capacity for keeping their heads in the face of great provocation. If the fleet moves into the Tachens on an evacuation mission, and if "incidents" occur such as the shooting down of an American plane or the isolated strafing of a deck, self defense, not war, would be the result.

War would come only if attacks were pressed in a fashion to form a pattern of war on the part of the Reds. Then retaliation on Red air bases might follow, and the fat would be in the fire. But only deliberate Red intent would produce such a situation, and the calculated risk of the new policy is the belief that no such deliberate intent will be shown.

The ready, almost eager acceptance by Congress of the President's position is the greatest guarantee that the Reds, no matter how loudly they will talk, will in the end steer clear

of outright war just as will the United States.

The statements of congressional leaders, the deployment of the fleet, the attitude of the administration all makes it clear that if United States forces have to fight China again, there will be no handcuffs on the commanders, and no padlocks on the store of weapons of mass destruction. That should prove a sufficient deterrent.

There is one great danger, however. It is that Peiping may be shoved by Russia. Moscow now finds itself facing an unyielding policy on both East and West. She sees the end of her expansion which resulted from the last war. Her policy always has been to encourage war among other nations so that she can reap the benefits of upheaval. If she can help start a war in which she thinks she might escape direct involvement, she will certainly do so.



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