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College Capers...

From Coast to Coast

Rat Race Doesn't Score

What has happened to the administration's announced plan to examine registration methods? Officials announced two weeks ago that the setup was "getting a thorough going over." Since then we have heard nothing. And we think the students are interested in a change, or at least that is what a current Emerald poll indicates.

Perhaps the old method, when registration was done before the end of the term, was not the most convenient for faculty advisers. It required them to be in their offices sometimes. In addition, it offered more time for counseling and more time to complete the whole registration process.

It has been criticized on the grounds that some students need to learn their grades before they can register for certain courses.

A logical solution would be to make class reservations, then pick up the class at the first of the next term. A second criticism has been directed toward the poor class attendance on the day after vacations. Somehow this doesn't seem any worse to us than starting classes a day late. In addition, a student who has already completed his registration, particularly if he has paid his fees, will think twice before he lets his registration lapse and enrolls at Portland State. Thus enrollment might be affected.

We can't help but agree with the students polled who felt that the current system of completing registration the first day after vacation resembles a treadmill, with frustration and confusion its distinguishing characteristics. Chief causes of the disgruntled rumblings seem to be the length of the lines, which increase the time necessary to register, and the lack of sufficient advising.

Student affairs officials have suggested the possibility of hiring extra personnel for the registration staff to speed up the check-

ing procedure. Perhaps, if enough checkers could be hired, this would shorten the lines. It does not help the decentralized campus tour registration plan, whereby a student must traverse the campus practically from the Millrace to the Hilltop to get the proper stamps—and then stand in line when he gets there. And it does not solve the problem of adequate counseling.

Perhaps a return to the old system of registration is not the answer. But it certainly scores more points than the current rat race. — (S.R.)

Step in Right Direction

Oregon's campus leaders and executive organizers—female type—will hold their first meeting in over a year Thursday evening. Under consideration will be the proposed AWS constitution.

The group, known as the AWS executive council, is composed of the presidents of AWS, WRA, YWCA, Heads of Houses, Mortar Board, Phi Beta, Kwama and the members of the AWS cabinet. From such a group one might expect some far-reaching decision regarding women's affairs.

In the past, however, the group has met only to approve the AWS slate of officers. Starting Thursday, we see more possibilities for action. Collectively they could work out a schedule for the year, including all essential projects and eliminating those which duplicate efforts of another group. Each organization could bring its particular problems—such as Phi Theta's busy work—to the council for solution.

We hope their first action will be approval of the new AWS constitution for submission to voters in the women's elections at the end of this month. The constitution brings the old one up to date and provides for re-establishment of the executive council, along with an activities board. Most of the changes are minor, but it's a step in the right direction. We hope the council will take steps in the same direction. — (S.R.)

By Sue Lamb
Emerald Columnist
CRABS SCARE COEDS AT UCLA. According to the UCLA campus paper, young ladies of the campus were horrified by the capers of some 100 live Santa Monica Bay crabs that had been planted in library reading rooms and the Coop shortly before a football victory celebration. The crabs scuttled under tables and chairs and among agitated coeds before being captured. Coffee drinkers evacuated the coop as the crustaceans scampered across the floor.

Pogo's Okefinokee swamp was drying up because they'd moved all the mud and gook to SJS for Spartans to walk through and park their cars in. We still don't know about that side of the goey issue, but we do know that there are reasons for not bridging some of the slush ponds here.

The reasons behind one major sore point, the hog wallow parking lots for students and paved one for instructors, go something like this, according to John T. Amos, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

1. Work on the lots could not be completed because of inclement (fancy term for "lousy") weather.
 2. The ratio of parking spaces to faculty is not so great as the ratio of spaces to students. (The man says he has statistics all over the place to prove it).
 3. And more statistics!
- (Appears to us the California weather isn't what we hear tell it is!)

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON Sigma Chi's will honor their 1955 Sweetheart at a dance to be held at Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia.

NOT LONG AGO, MRS. WELMA HILL, of the Non-Resident Tuition Office, at the University of Washington received a note from a person she often has talked with but never met. The note said: "Dear Mrs. Hill: Thank you for your help and advice. Thank you also for a lovely telephone voice. If you are fat, thin, 18 or 60, I would like to buy you lunch one day, and will!"

The note was signed only "J.W."

EDITORIAL FROM THE SAN JOSE STATE College Spartan Daily: "Slosh, Slosh, Glub, Ugh! For a while we thought that

NEW INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN brought against Alpha Phi Omega and the sophomore class at San Jose State, for violations of the campus advertising code set up by the Student Activities board. Subpoenas were issued last week but the court ruled that they were not the proper charge and therefore dismissed the case, saying that it would entertain a new indictment.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

History Repeats Itself in Far East; Blood Defaces China Moon Again

By J. M. ROBERTS
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Fifty-six years ago the European powers and Japan seemed to be on the verge of partitioning China among themselves.

Japan had conquered China a few years before taking Formosa, the Pescadores, part of Manchuria and a big cash payment as a peace settlement.

Russia didn't like to have the Japanese in Manchuria and, by threats, forced them off the Liaotung peninsula. Russia had France's support, then.

China was disrupted. By 1899 the British, French, Germans and Russians had virtually taken over the administration of large areas under "leaseholds" obtained primarily by coercion.

Each tried to monopolize trade in its sphere, and China as an entity not only appeared to be doomed, but the powers were gradually approaching a crisis among themselves.

The situation had become so dangerous that, when the United States stepped in with its "open door" policy, aimed primarily at Russian occupation of Manchuria, she got support from the other nations and all finally agreed to stop their trade monopolies and permit China to collect her own customs, thus preserving her as an administrative entity.

Formosa, which had been taken over more than 200 years before by refugees from a Chinese internal overturn, remained with Japan until she renounced ownership after World War II.

By 1950 the United States, having failed in its half-way measures to prevent Communist conquest of the Chinese mainland, and having practically washed its hands of Chiang Kai-Shek in a State Department "white paper" describing the impossibilities of the situation which developed in 1948-49, said it was through.

President Truman said there would be no American effort to defend Formosa.

Right then the Communists made one of the great mistakes of their lives. They could have taken Formosa. Instead, having prepared a puppet army which they thought would meet little opposition in an invasion of South Korea, they went after the peninsula instead of the island.

South Korea was the first nation founded under the United Nations. The invasion became the first test of a new system of collective security the world was trying to work out. The West reacted, and Chinese intervention failed to pull the communist fat out of the fire.

But China did flex her muscles. She began developing a truly modern army with Russian aid. Now she has worked herself up to the point where she may dare the might of the United States in a new try for Formosa—and the United States has changed its mind about letting the island go.

The strategic lines are tighter and more clearly discerned in the Pacific than they were five years ago. An effort is under way to save what's left of Southeast Asia.

The Philippines are involved in that effort, and memories of the Japanese bombers and Japanese ships coming out of nearby Formosa to attack those islands are still very fresh.

A few months ago the Reds were perfectly willing to discuss a cease-fire in Indochina, for there they were the winners. Today they are adamant in refusing to discuss a cease-fire in the Formosa area until they get a surrender, and can again be the winners.

That is the unvarying history of all Western dealings with them, everywhere.

Old friends face one another grimly and, as so often down through the centuries, there's blood again on the China moon.

Good Biscuits



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