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Just a Dream?

Not so long ago, we heard a freshman remark over a cup of coffee, "They either ought to fill the Millrace with water or dirt."

Since then, the 'Race has been filled with its own picturesque shade of greenish-brown water and, on a windy day, it's even possible to detect a flow in the swamp-like stream.

The remark wasn't especially surprising — that seems to have become the attitude of many who have seen occasional bursts of enthusiasm for the revival of the Millrace come and go.

We think the attitude is a harmful one, however, especially in the current situation.

Indirectly, the revival of the Canoe Fete for Junior Weekend is the first step toward a revival of the Millrace. One of the stated purposes of the Canoe Fete Steering committee is to "attract public attention to the present condition of the Millrace, and perhaps provide impetus for a concerted drive for Millrace restoration."

The 'Race was once an important part of campus life. It is even mentioned in an Oregon song which, like the Millrace, has fallen into disuse. Old students like to reminisce about the "rustic, collegiate" atmosphere of the Anchorage, which ceased to be the center of campus social life when the Student Union came into being five years ago.

Old students can also recall the days when the current in the now-sluggish stream flowed 10 miles an hour, and when students didn't have to drive 15 or 20 miles to find a good swimming spot.

A week ago, the Junior Weekend float parade was abolished and a full-scale Canoe fete was approved by the officers of the Junior class.

Shortly before that, the Canoe Fete was loaned \$1200 — \$600 each by the Junior class and the Student Union and Educational Activities Budget.

The Millrace steering committee co-chairmen, Bob Schooling and Jim Light, have assembled a top flight committee to plan and promote the event.

It all adds up to what appears to be the most enthusiastic, concerted drive to restore the 'Race since the stream fell into disrepair and disuse some years ago.

A useful, restored Millrace poses a great challenge to present and future Oregon students. Such a challenge is nothing new,

though. Fifteen years ago the Student Union was only a dream. It had been dreamt of before that time, but it took good leadership and tireless devotion on the part of many students, friends, faculty members, and alumni of the University to realize the dream.

The estimated \$140,000 necessary to restore the Millrace does not look so big when compared to the cost of the SU.

If we really want the Millrace as a recreational, scenic, and traditional center—we can probably get it. True, a restored 'Race would send the bacteriology students elsewhere in search of sewage water samples, but it sounds like a good idea.

Literary Honorary

Student Affairs committee approval is all that is between Ye Tabbard Inn's present position and the status of a recognized organization. We can see no reason why approval should not be given to the group.

In the group are persons who have great interest in creative writing. One member has already published a book and is working on another. Another member has had considerable journalism experience in the Armed services before coming to Oregon. The group also has the support of a number of English professors.

A very worthwhile organization could be forthcoming which can do much for writers as far as criticism and publication of their work goes.

Most of the members seem to want a firm groundwork set for the organization before they go ahead with plans for a literary magazine.

We hope the group is successful in their bid for recognition from Student Affairs.

—(P.K.)

Footnotes

We thought Lightner was bad during the Washington series but Fouts (the dark haired referee for the Idaho series) has him beat by far.

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Maybe Oregon's wrestling team could get some pointers from the lady wrestlers in Springfield. A featured attraction recently was "Lady Blimp, at 277 lbs."

Letters to the Editor

Campus Commies?

Emerald Editor:

Were the few people wandering around during today's (Feb. 10) playing of the national anthem communist sympathizers or merely products of blissful ignorance?

**Inquisitively Yours,
Robert E. Brown**

P.S. On Spirit

Emerald Editor:

Being freshmen, we probably don't have much room to talk, but we do know how many of the freshmen feel about the article on school spirit in the paper today (Feb. 10). Several of the girls have stated that they think the rally squad is terrific. If we used any of the propositions made by Alex Byler, we would have no color and a perfectly dead rooting section. We all seem to agree with Patty Fagan.

On the comment made by Betty Anderson, "Next year we're trying to get respected, well-known students," what's wrong with the respectability and popularity of the squad we presently have? The largest

class in school (freshman) does not know them, but that's because the class is new.

To Bill Borchers comments we would like to say that the reason some of the games are not so well populated with girls is (1) because of the freshman rules, (2) dances or such on Saturday night. I have seen the girls' rooting section well packed every time I've gone, and I have rarely missed a game. Also what was wrong with the spirit last weekend with the U of W? All of the kids and their parents were there to make them both very spirited games.

Also, part of the fun in college is to be able to select and elect your own rally squad, not to hire persons. This comment contradicts one made by Dick Grey, that the yell dukes are known by few students. The school is much too large for everyone to know them.

These have been just a few thoughts from some freshman girls. If the right people think about them, they'll realize that there isn't hardly anything to improve upon. The students themselves are to blame for the lack of spirit.

**Sincerely,
Nancy Hogerton**

Smoke Time



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Zhukov Visit Could Lessen Existing Tensions in World

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst Attention attracted abroad by the suggestion that President Eisenhower pursue his old friendship with Marshal Zhukov is in some ways a measure of the world's state of mind.

Zhukov, you will recall, commanded the Russians at the capture of Berlin, became friendly with Eisenhower, and was instrumental in the American commander's visit to Moscow. They have repeatedly expressed regard for each other.

Now Zhukov, as new minister of defense, has become an important figure in the Russian hierarchy with which the world is having so much trouble. The President indicated he would consider renewing an invitation, issued long ago, for Zhukov to visit the United States.

Comment in Favor

Such foreign press comment as I have seen is all in favor of it, particularly in Britain. Having heard that there are bombs, a few of which might be capable of making the world uninhabitable, and thinking of the

garet offered by their tight little isle, the British constantly grasp at any straw which gives the slightest promise of easing tensions.

The Russians have assumed the attitude that there would be nothing sensational about such a visit. "Why not?" asked the ambassador to Washington, Georgi Zarubin, fresh from the sensational Supreme Soviet meeting last week, and after Zhukov had said he would like it, but perhaps not right now.

Job to Frighten

Now Zhukov is not the man with whom Eisenhower could negotiate any lessening of international tensions. There is quite a strong possibility that his new job is primarily to frighten the Germans, to whom he is a mortal terror, out of the rearmament which the Kremlin already has been telling them will mean a new war.

For Zhukov to go traipsing off on an errand of sweetening and light right now might undo the propaganda value which his superiors expect to get from his appointment.

From President Eisenhower's standpoint, however, there might be something to gain and little to lose. He would be giving a demonstration that he, too, is ready to grasp at any peaceful-looking straw. All such demonstrations are valuable in Europe and particularly so in Asia, where there is strong fear that America is not skillful enough to walk the tight rope of balance of power politics without stumbling into a world war.

Then, too, it would not hurt the President to have someone give him a friendly interpretation in high Russian circles, even though the hierarchy is probably well aware of his peaceful intentions already.

Visit Not Likely

A Zhukov visit doesn't seem likely right now. It is quite probable nothing concrete could come of it if it occurred. Nations, for the most part, act the way they do because of what they are. Personalities seldom have any great impact on their relations in the long run.

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