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CAMPUS COMMENT

Unfinished Victory

The first Canoe Fete on the Millrace in 14 years has been held successfully — and judging from some of the comments we heard from alumni and townspeople, the '55 Fete was as good as, or maybe better than, the Fetes of the past.

But as things are right now — the victory is an unfinished one. The steering committee has sent out a cry for help — bleachers and floats must be disassembled, property must be stored, and the area must be policed.

The committee is tired — a lot of mental and emotional labor went into the fete along with the long hours of physical labor.

The cooperation of the University in staging Canoe Fetes of the future will probably depend to a large degree on the job that's done this year. The physical plant isn't going to be too enthusiastic about helping to stage an event which they'll have to clean up after.

Oregon's student body, ably led by the Canoe Fete steering committee, has struck a strong blow for restoration of the Millrace and for the reinstatement of the Canoe Fete as Oregon's top tradition.

Now let's finish the victory.

Postscript

When the occasion has demanded — and it has on numerous occasions — the Emerald, like its big city counterparts in Portland,

has resorted to its editorial columns in an attempt to influence the weather.

For fourteen years, minus only one, the Emerald has faithfully run its letter to Ol' Jupe Pluvius. And the letter always worked — until this year. So now we add this post-script.

But this year, Mr. Pluvius let us down. Actually, he was good enough to hold off the rain Sunday and let the rescheduled Canoe Fete go on in relative dry, but still, he let us down.

Therefore, Mr. Pluvius, the Emerald hereby serves notice that it will in no way feel bound to pay homage to you in future Junior Weekend papers.

You could have gone to Washington, Cal., or USC last Saturday, but instead you came around to annoy us, nearly give the Canoe Fete committee heart failure, and generally disrupt Mothers' Weekend and Junior Weekend.

You weren't even good enough to have the rain come at the right time. If it hadn't cleared up Sunday for the Canoe Fete, the University would have suffered a great financial loss, and all because you turned off the storm between 5 and 8 p.m. Saturday — the hours during which it had to rain for the Canoe Fete's rain insurance to be collectible.

So Mr. Pluvius, god of rain or whatever, not only have you lost some worshippers, but also some friends. We have to live with you, especially here in Oregon, but it will be a "cold war" type of coexistence after last weekend.

Little Ladies' Laws Confuse Columnist

By Sam Frear
Emerald Columnist

We have never been ones to dispute traditional theories of female inferiority. As everyone knows, the female is both intellectually and physically inferior to men.

As the song says, "If a gal could be intellectually what she only is biologically, then a gal could be, take it from me, a wonderful, wonderful thing."

But we retreat for a moment from natural masculine egoism to defend the other (and more fairer) sex, avowing that she is not quite as stupid, or quite as immature as the writers of this University's "Handbook for Dormitory Women" evidently believe.

From this book one might be inclined to think that the University of Oregon is either a reform school for naughty girls or Ymile Tsop's School for Social Charm. That it isn't the latter is fairly obvious.

The handbook in question informs the girls that "Freshmen are to be tucked into bed by 11:00 p. m., and counselors will count noses at this time — upperclass noses too." Now isn't that sweet? All da iddy biddy widdle girls must go to bed nithe and early tho they can grow up to be gweat big widdle' dirls.

And also all present and accounted for. Now you can wander into

any of the campus barbershops and see all types of nude calenders. You can get cheap sex by looking at pocket book covers in the Co-op. Or spending a weekend in Seaside.

But the female form is carefully obscured on this campus by having our girls wear shorts and pedal pushers "only under coats which cover them adequately."

Now, "Our faces, our hair, our nails, and our clothes all deserve attention before we ever go down to the dining room, not only for our own poise and self-assurance but also for the sake of all the other girls who will enjoy us more if we are all well groomed." Yeah, ma'am. But suppose you're just naturally a pig?

(And did you notice that intimate shifting into the second person?)

Female food hounds in the chow line are advised that "We do not push or crowd, and are not noisy and rowdy in line." This means no dirty joke telling, swapping licks, line bucking, or practicing of wrestling holds.

Here's a clever one. "Usually we turn in the bottom sheet and use the top one for the bottom the next week..." Or if this is too much trouble, get a sleeping bag.

Another choice quote: "We're not allowed to move our furniture from room to room..." Naturally, unless you've got a good strong crow bar. It's bolted down.

And to prove that the women have rules for everything, "A definite, concrete description of the (lost) article... should be included in the report." For a good description of concrete we recommend AA 469, a course in "Structural Design in Reinforced Concrete."



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Ike Administration Approves New Eleven-Point Polio Program

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON — The Eisenhower administration Monday proposed a 28-million-dollar Federal fund to help the states provide polio vaccine for children in low income families.

This was one of 11 recommendations submitted by Secretary of Welfare Hobby to President Eisenhower. The White House said Eisenhower approved the report and endorsed the recommendations.

The aid-to-states program would become effective after the completion of the free immunization program now being conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The Foundation's program applies to children in the first and second school grades.

The administration's proposed federal fund contemplates an immunization program for all Americans through the age of 19.

The administration also proposed an additional two million dollars for extra inspectors and technicians in the Public Health Service "to insure maximum precautions in continued testing of the vaccine for safety and potency."

Eisenhower presumably will send a request to Congress for the proposed funds. Except for the appropriations, the recommendations would require no legislation.

Resisting demands in Congress for government allocation of the now scarce vaccine, Mrs. Hobby and her advisers said they are convinced "the most effective and equitable distribution of the vaccine will be accomplished through the voluntary cooperation of all concerned, within the framework of existing law."

No other kind of distribution, Mrs. Hobby said, "can be mobilized quickly enough to be effective during a brief period of shortage."

The nationwide vaccination program itself, temporarily halted a week ago pending new safety checks, was slowly getting under way again with vaccine from two laboratories already freed for use.

The Public Health Service Sunday approved all supplies shipped by Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis. This raised to about 1,400,000 shots of the vaccine cleared since the safety recheck was started. On Friday, it approved principal shipments by Parke, Davis & Co., Detroit.

Mrs. Hobby presented her report in an hour-long meeting with the President. She made no reply to congressional criticism, mainly from Democrats, who have charged the administration was "bungling" the program — both in failing to provide government distribution and to set up adequate safety standards.

Afterward, while posing for photographers, Mrs. Hobby replied with a smiling "no comment" when asked about published reports she might resign.

Here in brief are Mrs. Hobby's recommendations:

1. The Public Health Service "must have every facility, including necessary additional funds and personnel, to insure maximum precautions" in testing the vaccine for safety and potency.

2. All current distribution should be aimed at completion "at the earliest possible date" the National Foundation's free immunization program for first and second graders.

3. The vaccine should be administered for the time being only to children of the 5-9 age group.

4. The secretary of welfare should "direct on a national level the division among the states of the entire output of

Salk vaccine as pledged by the manufacturers."

5. Vaccine supplies should be allocated to each state on the basis of the number of children it has in the 5 through 9 group until all those children have been vaccinated.

6. Each state governor should designate a single agency to direct the distribution of vaccine within the state.

7. More funds should be given to the Food and Drug Administration for "vigorous enforcement" of laws prohibiting sales of the vaccine outside authorized channels for prescription drugs.

8. Medical organizations should do all they can to make sure doctors (A) vaccinate and issue prescriptions only for children within the priority age groups, and (B) doctors keep a record for each child showing the age, date of vaccination, place on body of vaccination, name of vaccine manufacturer, and lot number of the vaccine.

9. Manufacturers and all others concerned with distribution should keep careful records showing where every shipment goes.

10. Congress should make funds available to states for the purchase of vaccine, "or, in lieu of funds, the vaccine itself." These funds "must be sufficient to pay the cost of vaccine for children through age 19 in low income families." The funds should be used between the end of the free immunization program and the end of 1956.

11. Eisenhower should designate a special committee for further study of ways to help other nations get Salk vaccine.

Mrs. Hobby said the latest industry estimate is that enough vaccine will be available by July 1 to make possible two inoculations for all children in the 5-9 group.



"I better help that new student stretch his canvas—he seems pretty anxious to get started."

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