

'55 Senate Record Includes Canoe Fete, Other Traditions

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Traditions—the Millrace, pigging, Canoe Fete, Senior Ball and standard campus weekends—these were the concerns of one of the most nostalgic ASUO Senates of recent years.

In the months since they took office last May, the legislators made no changes in the constitution, did not abolish the all-campus primary, did not hold a NECL convention here and did not obtain a combined student body-athletic card.

Evaluation Program

What they did do was to strike at the grass roots of student government. Through a year-long public relations campaign, they made a real effort to obtain more student interest and participation in student government.

A student government essay contest, flyers and speeches in the living organizations were a part of this campaign. Their work was evaluated by a student government panel discussion.

Greatest student interest was generated over the Millrace issue, with the revival this year of the Canoe Fete, under Senate guidance.

Full-Scale Fete

Original plans called for a pilot fete this year to create interest, but the project snowballed so rapidly under the leadership of Jim Light and Bob Schooling that a full-scale Canoe Fete was held, replacing its substitute, the float parade.

The Senate agreed to the plans for the Canoe Fete in line with its plan for eventual Millrace restoration, and the possibility of the re-establishment of one of Oregon's oldest traditions appears more than likely as the result of groundwork laid this year. Current plans call for an independent engineering survey of the 'Race this summer to establish definitely what can be done.

Retire Number 14?

Sentiment of a more athletic sort was raised over the issue of retirement of football jersey 14—the number worn by George Shaw. Senate investigators found that to retire Shaw's number would make it the only number so retired in University history. They then recommended that his jersey be retired to a place of honor in the trophy case.

So the matter stood, until the athletic department came up with a new plan: for an athletic hall of fame. Oregon athletes of an earlier era will also be represented, and Shaw will be considered by the committee for a position alongside them.

An atrophied remnant of Ore-

gon's attempt at an honor code was removed by the Senate fall term. After three years of little action, the honor code committee was disbanded.

And a remnant of the honor code committee, the test files committee, was killed by the new Senate at its first meeting two weeks ago. The new Senate moved to let the YMCA assume responsibility for the care and protection of the controversial files.

The ASUO entertainment commission was re-established, per AGS platform of last spring. Duties of the commission, established in October, are to advise and be responsible for the ASUO exchange assembly. The power of the commission may be expanded to cover other areas of student entertainment.

AGS found a need for such a commission after last year's exchange assembly was banned in two Portland high schools. UIS disagreed in their party plat-

form. AGS won the election and the commission was established.

'Ball' Abolished

Apathy, a \$500 deficit, and the feeling that the money could be better spent for something of more permanent benefit led the Senate to vote 16 to 3 to abolish the Senior Ball. Another traditional dance was thus eliminated for future years from the social calendar.

Two years ago, the Mortar Board ball and Military ball were eliminated by the student affairs committee. The Military ball returned this year, as a departmental dance.

This year's Senate spent little time replacing itself as compared to the 1953-54 body. Only five positions had to be filled this year: those vacated by Bob Glass, Gary West, Don Smith, Tom Arata and Russ Cowell. Don Rotenberg, Anne Ritchey, Doug Basham, Travis Cavens and Don Bonime were selected to fill them.

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