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Pretty Good Kids

They're "pretty good kids."

That's how Ray Hawk, associate director of student affairs, described the six University students jailed in Corvallis Tuesday after they were caught burning "UO" in the Aggie turf.

Being "pretty good kids" however, is not enough, as the discipline committee decided in an emergency meeting Wednesday afternoon. Each of the six men was suspended indefinitely; Campbell club received indefinite social probation; and the damages—approximately \$100 worth—must be paid for by Campbell club. The actions against the living organization were taken after investigation showed that older members of the organization induced the raid.

In order to prevent such acts of vandalism, Oregon and Oregon State officials since 1947 have mutually agreed to suspend any student who engages in malicious acts on a "foreign" campus.

The five freshmen—and one sophomore—involved in this week's raid were not aware of this. At the most, they claim, they expected the closely shaved craniums meted out to last year's raiders.

And they face further charges in the Benton county district court. Officially they are charged with "entering on improved land of another with intent to injure the grass growing thereon." The charge is a reduction from the original "destruction of property."

The combination of penalties is enough, we think, to discourage any similar attempts. Far be it from us to put the damper on any young lads who would like to see

a pre-Homecoming bonfire in Corvallis—more power—or gas—to them, so long as they don't damage any property.

And as for the six men who will be singing "We're in the Jailhouse Now" from the front pages of the nation's newspapers this week, they just happened to be unlucky enough to get caught.

They're pretty good kids, alright, good enough so that we hope they and their parents will be in to see Hawk soon so that Oregon's overly spirited six can be Oregon students again.—(S.R.)

Subjection Opportunities

The first Civic Music concert of the year will be given Thursday night in McArthur court. As is customary with these concerts, the program is of a classical nature . . . a classical nature that does not appeal to the untrained ears of most students.

Obviously, one must understand the music if one is to enjoy it, whether it's jazz, classical, or something in between. That's why we were interested in a statement by Dr. George Hull, the president of the Civic Music association, made the other day.

"Young people have been subjected to boogie, so they've tuned their ears to it," he said. He ventured the opinion that if students subjected themselves to the classical music that they would get to know it and learn to appreciate it.

There are many opportunities for such "subjection" on campus, through the Civic Music concerts, through the music school concerts, and more informally, through the music listening rooms in the Student Union.

A student is not likely to have such opportunities again—at least not for free. —(S.R.)

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

China's Serious Grain Shortage Contrasts With U.S. Surpluses

By J. M. Roberts
Of the Associated Press

Red China has a serious grain shortage which is requiring farmers to deliver a larger share of their crops to the government and is taking other stringent farm regimentation measures.

The United States has a grain surplus, largely owned by the government—a serious economic embarrassment.

Red China, among other things, is seeking through the Geneva discussions to get a relaxation of the complete trade embargo imposed by the

United States, and of the embargo on strategic materials maintained by other nations of the free world.

The United States, among other things, is seeking at Geneva to get Red China to renounce the use of force pending settlements by peaceful means of Far Eastern issues. The Reds seek an immediate high-level conference on these issues.

Here, then, are two nations, one considering the other barbarous and a violator of world public opinion as an aggressor, but each having something the other vitally wants.

The United States is banking heavily on the pressure of Russia's internal needs to provide the basis of compromise when the foreign ministers meet at Geneva in a few days.

Perhaps there is an internal situation in China which could produce a similar situation.

Several years ago China greatly relaxed the Communist "line" with regard to agriculture in an effort to improve production. Private borrowing and selling in farm land was permitted in order that the more efficient farmers might procure holdings of workable size.

But at the same time, taxes-in-kind drove workers from the land, and spreading industrialization lured them to the cities. Now the rate of progress in industry has outstripped agriculture and farmers are showing little interest in providing for urban people who have received by far the lion's share of benefits from an improved general economy.

Now the Peiping regime has announced a renewal of the original collectivization program in an effort to do by force what it has not been able to do by other means. It admits a "tense situation."

A "tense situation" with regard to China's food supply does not mean mere belt tightening. Where few ever have even what other peoples consider a bare subsistence, any sort of shortage means not malnutrition, but starvation.

The situation, then, would appear to contain the factors for successful trading, in commodities which mean much to both sides. But Red logic is not the same as ours.

Dick Pruitt
Sophomore in pre-law

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

A comment on Ken Kesey's column in Tuesday's Emerald. I find myself in complete agreement with the point he put across. The officers of the law in this city do tend to go overboard in patrolling our campus. As a matter of fact, they managed to notice the fact that the bumper of my car extended about a foot into a zone that someone had managed to slap a streak of yellow on. Thus when I returned to my little ruler of the roads, or "car," I was pleased to note that someone in a blue uniform (not an air force ROTC outfit) had put a small piece of paper under my windshield wiper. That paper requested that I pay the sum of one buck.

You are undoubtedly familiar the row of parking meters that decorate the sidewalk across from the SU. Well, it seems that the free spots are quickly filled and so those who have 8 o'clocks and arrive a little late are des-

tined to park their autos in the meter-clad area. Many of the people with a class at 8 also have another at 9 and do not have time to rush to their cars and drop another nickel in the slot of the meters. Thus the officers of the law take great zest in arriving at the aforementioned area as the bells toll 9. Naturally, all the meters are expired and the protectors of our lives are forced to present each car with a note demanding a little cash.

I think Mr. Kesey's column was very timely because the condition he cleverly described does exist. At this time I am praying for a storm of turpentine and dynamite to hit this campus and do away with some of the more obnoxious yellow zones and meters. With that last melancholy reflection, I leave you with sincerity.

Ed School



WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS

'Race Report Revives Sentiment, Traditions

By Bud Hinkson
ASUO President

MILLRACE: For nearly three-quarters of a decade this word has been saturated with all the sentiment we find lost in tradition. At times the Millrace has become a contagious obsession infecting the whole student body and much of the community.

But, more lately, it has led to the anxiety that comes from un-



Bud Hinkson Jim Light and the members of the steering committee began to plan the Canoe Fete.

accomplished aims. Actually, that old 'Race is closer to restoration now than it has been for 15 years.

During Junior Weekend last year the crusade started as Bob Schooling and

After a successful Fete, the ball was kept rolling by the establishment of a permanent ASUO Millrace committee.

The committee soon began to demonstrate that its permanence might be short lived.

Chairman Sam Vahey proposed a complete engineering study of the Millrace area.

The ASUO Senate and the SU

board jointly recommended to the budget board that funds be allocated for this purpose.

On Monday, the engineering report was received by J. Orville Lindstrom, University business manager, and Wednesday night the Millrace committee considered the three alternatives included in the report for proposal to the Senate.

Plan A provides for very little improvement, at a cost of \$25,950. Plan B provides for complete restoration of the 'Race at a cost of \$123,250. Plan C provides a compromise, with complete restoration of the upper 'race and little improvement in the lower part, at a cost of \$62,700.

All three plans provide for a river pumping station on the Willamette to force the water to run into the 'Race.

The difference in the plans comes in the rate of the water flow and the treatment of the lower 'Race below the physical plant.

Tonight one of these three plans will be presented to the Senate by the Millrace committee. If it passes the Senate, we will then concentrate on raising the money for the improvements.

If nothing else is accomplished, one thing is sure to result. The tradition, the excitement and the sentiment behind the 'Race will soon be back again.



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