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A Successful Re-entry

On the surface, the financial report from last year's Canoe Fete paints a pretty bleak picture. A net loss of \$1081 is a stiff blow for any University activity to take and still survive.

But, in the immortal words of Bob Funk, "the Canoe Fete isn't just another activity, it's a way of life." The fete has stood the test of these words by taking that \$1000 loss in stride and emerging stronger than ever. There is no question as to whether there will be a fete this year. The only question now is, "Who runs it, the ASUO or the junior class?"

What are the reasons for this remarkable resurgence? First, of course, the figures are somewhat misleading. As Bob Schooling pointed out, about \$670 worth of equipment is available for use in future fetes. This includes the barges, plywood panels for the stage, a large street banner and several plastic tarp.

If this \$670, which can quite reasonably be crossed off as a capital investment, is subtracted from the net loss, the remainder is \$411. A number of major campus dances have taken larger losses than this and survived.

Secondly, as Schooling also pointed out, approximately 2000 people saw the fete without paying. If each of these people had bought one of the 50 cent tickets, the cheapest available, the revenue would nearly have made up the original net loss.

It's too late now to blame any particular group for allowing all this free entertainment, but a six-foot canvas fence along the sidewalk will take care of the problem this year. This situation, bad as it was, didn't represent a basic weakness in the planning but merely a detail the inexperienced committee didn't foresee.

However, the basic reason for the resilience of the Canoe Fete is something entirely different. The fete was not primarily a money-making event; it had another goal.

The main purpose of the 1955 Canoe Fete was to utilize the Millrace and to "attract public attention to the present condition of the Millrace, and perhaps provide impetus for a concerted drive for Millrace restoration."

Of course it operated under a carefully worked out budget, and probably would have made money if the rain, postponement and freeloaders hadn't all hit at once.

But that was really all incidental; the Canoe Fete did accomplish its goal. The Fete did call attention to the deplorable condi-

tion of the 'Race; it did show that the students had the initiative and daring to do something about it; it did help the drive to restore the Millrace.

And perhaps even more than all this—it meant the successful re-entry of a beautiful event. None of this can be measured in dollars.

Wasted Effort

Again this year, the all-student councils of the University of Kansas and Kansas State college are going to sign a peace pact. A nice gesture, but really a waste of time and gasoline.

Last year, when former All Student Council President Robert E. Kennedy walked out to his car after signing the pact, he found his auto painted with "Beat KU" signs. And not with water color, either, but with good old oil-base house paint. And later in the spring, KU sent K-State a bill for work and materials involved in cleaning paint off Jimmy Green and various sidewalks.

And the same year, Manhattan police and highway patrolmen were kept busy one night tracking down the abductors of Touch-down IV, the K-State wildcat.

Members of our student council knew who took the wildcat, but did nothing because it was done in the name of school spirit. Doubtless, the K-State painting crew was protected by similar mores, although they did accomplish actual physical damage. Anyway, the signing of a peace pact was a farce.

As long as Jimmy Green stands in front of Green hall, and as long as K-State keeps a live mascot, council members can sign all of the peace pacts they want to, and they'll be useless. This is a dim view of college mentality, but a realistic one.

Some would argue that this situation is not necessarily bad. Pranks of this sort, they maintain, are a normal part of college life.

These people possess the dim, realistic college mentality just mentioned.

If the all student council drives clear to Manhattan to sign a paper, the least the students represented by the council could do is to back it up. Likewise, the council itself should not stand by tongue-in-cheek and let the thing be violated. We can't expect K-State to meet these standards, but we're always saying we're more civilized than they are.

And if we can't sign a pact we can stand behind, let's not yell ourselves that we're more civilized than we are.

—From the University Daily Kansan

Taffy Pull

By Bob Fudge



GULLIVER'S TRIFLES

Kynge's Joggemend Seked by Syx Knyghts

By Ken Kesey
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Ful loude soonge the kynge, "Exyle!" and therwith al syx knyghts aboute hym stode and shouteth, "Grantmercy! Be we feends of helle or traitoors? We, wych hath rydden forthe and, in soothe, not as wommens or babes but as tru knyghts, do that wych al oothers of oure sworn bretheren hath yet nay guts enoughe to betake? Art we murtherers or cutpurses that we be yelegt in gaol? Hadde we leyser of man and greatere of chylde we wold be yet freed, but for to be men, wyth gyrthe and humours to prove't, is to sporte wyth exyle—how is justyce so deyed?"

"Exyle!" seyed the kynge o're and the syx knyghts wer ytaken and ytrundled to the boulder of the countree.

"Woman," seyeth the kynge later in his chambre, "Git in here an' help me pull off these dadgum boots; my feets are killin' me!"

"Prithee pees, sire, I shal thee help anon," seyeth the queene.

"And knock off that Ol' English too, aint nobody around."

"Ya know," said the queen, "it's a dirty shame to banish those six knyghts; they were all sech good guys."

"Yeah, but what else could I do? We got thos ol' mutual aid pact with the kynge—I mean king—of Corncribia and he wold have just squealed like a cut pig if I'd o' let those boys go."

"But where did you dig up that old pact? I thought that it wold out with the Triple Alliance and the West Point Cribbing Incident."

"Ah," the king winked slyly, "I always got a few sneaky ones I can pull."

"And then why put the screws on the manor that they belong to—and on all the rest of the knights that are members of the same manor? That bunch of knights over there has always been top dog in all the provincial jousts of the year—biggest gung ho group in the land. Why put the bite on the whole kit an' kaboodle?"

"Diplomacy, woman, that's why. If I hadn't done what I did the Corncribian Army wold have whipped down here with beer in their belly and blood in their eye—burning, looting, blowing up the "O" on the hill."

"But," she nagged, "knyghts have been having these pilgrimages to Corncribia for ages—it's more traditional than sallying forth after the Ol' Holy Grail. Why now . . . ? Why such good guys . . . ?"

Now, woman," the king snapped, putting on his robe, "I ain't got time for your prattle; Merlin's dealin' blackjack over at the round table tonight an' I got to go over and win Excalibur back from Gawaine!" But he turned at the open door and smiled back. Above his head the moon pebbled the spires and turrets with a sheath of silver. "Look Owen, I know they were good guys, but good guys went out of fashion ages ago. I gave 'em the boot 'cause—well, its like Old English: I just got to use it if the public starts listnin' real close."

The door closed and the queen stared at the poster tacked up on it. She read it softly aloud:

"Re-elect Arthur, The People's Kynge."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

GB's Support for Security Council Arouses Criticism Here in U.S.

By J. M. Roberts
Of the Associated Press

Great Britain is being criticized in the United States for supporting Yugoslavia's candidacy for the United Nations Security council, which could turn out to be a very smart action.

There is a tendency in the United States to speak of "splits" on tactical diversities in almost the same tone of voice in which fundamental differences between the Allies are discussed. But there is a vast difference between divisions over procedure and over strategy, such as that between Britain and the United States in the Far East.

Oddly enough, the reasons given by Britain against the American choice of the Philippines have skipped what seems to me to be the major argument in favor of Yugoslavia's seating.

Soviet Russia proposed Yugoslavia as a compromise after be-

ing beaten on Poland. Russia is trying to consolidate recent surface renewal of friendship with Yugoslavia. To many Westerners, that is reason enough for them to oppose.

Another is that, even after the Cominform break in 1948, Yugoslavia continued to vote in conformity with the Communist bloc in the U.N. but tests were largely on social and ideological matters. Since she had no veto, her presence on the Security Council in 1950 meant merely one vote against the decision to resist aggression in Korea.

Probably the chief reason for British and British Commonwealth support for Yugoslavia is their desire to keep in effect the 1946 gentlemen's agreement for regional representation on the Security Council.

The United States contends that although it has been generally applied, the gentlemen's agreement really covered only

the first year of Security council operation.

Some Europeans also pointed out that Europe is not heavily represented on the council and, looking toward the future, that it would have but one seat—that of France—without Eastern Europe.

The British also look upon the move as a goodwill gesture toward Yugoslavia in the present contest for her affections between Russia and the Allies.

Overriding all this, however, is the putting Yugoslavia in the council means she will have to stand up and be counted. What she does will reveal, far more clearly than any answer she may make to diplomatic inquiries, where those affections really lie. Then the Allies can act accordingly with regard to economic and military aid, and the dependence to be placed on her policies.



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