

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

A Flowing 'Race Again

In our opinion, the ASUO Millrace committee made the right decision last Wednesday when it selected a modified plan for restoration of the 'Race.

The plan calls for the installation of a pumping station to provide a flow of 50 cubic feet per second in the upper Millrace from the Willamette river to Franklin Blvd., and a flow of 25 cubic feet per second in the lower 'Race, below Franklin Blvd.

The engineering firm which made a study of the stream this summer submitted a report outlining three possible plans. One calls for a flow of 25 cubic feet in the whole Millrace, a second for a 100 cubic feet per second flow for the entire length, and a third for a combination of the first two—100 cubic feet per second in the upper part and 25 in the lower part. The present flow is from 20 to 25 cubic feet per second.

There are disadvantages and advantages to all three plans. The first plan is relatively inexpensive, but outside of insuring the flow and raising the level about a foot, it is no improvement over the present situation.

The second plan is a beautiful dream, until you come to the cost. Raising \$123,000 initially and another \$11,300 every year is out of the question.

The third plan nearly provides both an obvious improvement and an acceptable cost, but the latter is still a little high (\$63,000 initially and \$11,300 annually.)

However, by its willingness to study the problem closely, the committee was able to come up with still another plan that would meet all the problems. Fifty cubic feet per second in the upper 'Race will provide a noticeable current and will carry the trash and refuse from the city storm sewers out much more quickly.

This should result in cleaner water in the lower Millrace because the trash will be carried into the Willamette over a spillway before it gets to the lower part. Of course, this plan does not meet the ideal of a clear, swift-flowing stream behind the Millrace houses, but we must admit that this ideal can never be realized.

The modified plan is also financially feasible. It is reasonable to expect that a concerted drive would raise the \$40,000 needed initially. It will undoubtedly be easier to raise this amount at once than to raise some of it every year, as would be necessary if the cost had to be amortized over a period of 30 years, for example.

Arranging to pay for the yearly maintenance will be the most difficult problem, as it would be in any of the plans. However, the modified plan has cut this sum to about \$7,300 per year, far under the annual cost of

the second and third plans, and only about \$1,800 more than the first plan. The difference would be an \$1,800 well spent.

A Palatable Plan

Associated Greek students last week adopted another plan to push back closing hours to 2 a.m. This time, in an attempt to find a plan which would be palatable to heads of houses, they are calling for the extended hours to be determined on an "academic basis."

Under the new plan, freshmen would receive one, sophomores two, juniors three, and seniors four 2 o'clocks a term, besides those of Homecoming and Junior Weekend. These would be taken on weekends as the woman desires, with the provision that she must sign out for them in advance.

The AGS committee on late hours wrote a letter to the editor last week which pretty well covered the situation. If there is another argument against having the extended hours, we have not heard it.

This time, we hope the house presidents will look with favor on the plan. It seems most feasible to us, and certainly worth a try. Besides, it would be a pleasure to see the victorious political party carry out one of the planks of its platform.—(S.R.)

Last Dream

The death of a true patron of the University is noted with much sorrow, both by University administrators and by alumni who remember him, as well as the students.

Robin Nelson was extremely active in campus affairs, both as an undergraduate and as an alumnus. But, even more, he believed in this campus in an intangible way.

This showed in his dreaming up the Junior Weekend idea, and even more in his composing of the song "As I Sit and Dream at Evening."

The fact that the song has endured as one of the University's official songs is silent tribute to its timeless emotional appeal, and the strong sentiments of its author.

Presentation of last spring's Canoe Fete was undoubtedly an inspiring and happy occasion for Mr. Nelson, especially in view of the difficulties in its presentation and the hard work done by the students to make it possible.

"As I Sit and Dream at Evening" was theme of the Fete, and Mr. Nelson presented the trophies. He must have spent the entire weekend here in happy memories of undergraduate days.

And the entire campus is pleased that he had an opportunity to see a revival of the old tradition that was so meaningful to him and to all alumni.—(A.R.)

Mid-Term Analysis



"I KNOW SOMEONE FLUNKING IN EVERY ONE OF MY COURSES ~ ME."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Dulles Devotes Effort To Gaining Allied Unity

By J. M. Roberts
AP News Analyst

I can't recall any occasion when an American secretary of state has devoted such strenuous effort to behind-the-scenes unity as has John Foster Dulles in connection with the foreign ministers conference which begins Thursday.

Dulles has spoken personally to the representatives of at least 36 nations in addition to a large group of American congressional leaders explaining and trying to insure their support, or at least their silence if they disagree, for the Allied program at Geneva. The matter certainly will come up during his visits to Austria and Yugoslavia.

Every American and European nation with which the United States is allied has been consulted, and there seems to be an unparalleled unanimity. Dulles made a special trip to Italy just to demonstrate to her people and government the concern of the Big Three for their opinions, despite the fact that the Allies are not inclined to complicate things with Russia by including the wartime enemy, Italy, in the formal Western lineup for peace discussions.

It is noticeable, but not particularly significant, that these pre-Geneva consultations have been with members of America's two great Western alli-

ances, NATO and the Western Hemisphere pact, and not with Southeast Asian or other Oriental allies. So far, the United States is moving very deliberately with regard to policy in that area.

Aside from clarifying the Allied program and heightening the appearance of Western unity as the Big Three meet the Russians, the pre-Geneva explanations also serve to give advance warnings of the known difficulties to be faced.

The Allies realize that they aren't offering Russia much in return for German reunification, which they have coupled with an all-European security pact as the chief topic of the conference. They are saying "you give up East Germany, and we'll see to it that the unified Germany never attacks you."

Russia is very likely to say "why give up East Germany when, as long as we have it, we can see to that ourselves."

In that case, the Allies have made it clear they intend to trade no principles, no part of their own strength such as West German affiliation with NATO, for a dangerous facade of peaceful looking but non-material settlements.

By clarifying all this in advance, the Big Three hopes to have avoided the disheartenment among their allies which might follow the failure of Geneva to produce any real progress.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Proceeding on the probably false assumption that free speech still exists at this institution (prisons are also included in this general category), we will take issue with the administration on two of their recent actions.

College men, especially freshmen, are sometimes over exuberant and while their actions may be extra-legal, they are not especially harmful.

In the now infamous "Corvallis Grass Caper," the administration seems to have started a dangerous precedent. That is the suspension of students they feel are guilty of bringing shame to the school. This action was taken against a small group of students.

Thursday evening's "panty raid" was a mob action involving 200-300 men. Of these, only

a few have been persecuted (no doubt the leaders, as they were the only ones caught), the administration feeling that they can treat a mob as an individual.

We believe that the office of student affairs is unjust for its disciplinary action for the following reasons:

1. One person decided who will go or stay. The student's parents' influence and or money may decide whether or not they can come back.

2. The punishment is much more severe than the so-called crime. Such action could ruin the person's chances of ever obtaining a higher education and psychologically hurt him.

3. Such action makes for increased antagonisms between students and administration.

In both cases, we believe that probation would have been

enough punishment. Of course, there is a possibility that this is an easy way of cutting down the overcrowded underclass.

Realizing that this may bring us under the suspicion, surveillance and persecution of the "Emerald Hall Gestapo," we are,

Earle Terry
Jim Woodyard

Emerald Editor:

I predict a long and brilliant political career for Wynn Dahlgren, who has packed into just nine short sentences the total of 355 or so masterfully chosen words.

My special commendation to him for the inspirational sentence of 70 words.

Wes Nelson
Senior in Physics



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