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Too Much for Too Little

It looks as if the WRA Carnival is about to be dealt its death blow—and we doubt if there will be many mourners at the funeral.

Last year, just the day before the Carnival, the Inter-fraternity council moved to go on record as opposing the event in future years. The motion was withdrawn when the group expressed fear that such an expression of feeling would hurt the chances for a successful carnival at the time. But the sentiment was clear: the men just plain weren't interested.

This year, the women may be joining them. Heads of houses have referred participation in the Carnival to the women's living organization. And we doubt that there will be much enthusiasm engendered for it.

For years we have bemoaned the number of activities which manage to find their way on to the social calendar just for activity's sake. Number one on our list is still the WRA Carnival.

Living organizations have been paired without regard to their desires to participate. They spend many hours preparing booths, decorations and costumes.

For this they received 90 per cent of the money they took in—a much better percentage than usual, we might add. However, in many cases this money didn't take care of the construction costs.

WRA, sponsor of the Carnival, received the remaining 10 per cent of the money collected at each booth and the 25 cents admission fee. The WRA money is used for its intramural and club programs, which are undoubtedly worthwhile to their participants.

But we don't think they are that worthwhile to the living organizations who do most of the work.—(S.R.)

For a Colorful Campus

Homecoming is upon us and with it, campus traditions are being enforced for the full week.

Such things as walking on the grass, refusing to speak to passersby on the Hello Walk in front of the Student Union and walking on the Oregon Seal are strictly taboo for the spirited Duck student.

In addition to the "taboos," freshmen women are wearing green ribbons in their hair, freshmen men are clad in their class pants (suntans or denims) and are also sporting their rooters' lids.

It all makes for kind of a colorful campus. Here and there boys in their green and yellow lids can be seen looking worriedly out of the corners of their eyes at Order of the O men who are slyly writing down their names for the week's punishment program.

And at the same time, Order of the O members, feeling quite proud of themselves as "campus rulers," keep a wary eye peeled for the freshmen women they want most to "punish." When they find one they feel fits their specifications, they quickly write her name down on their "blacklist." (Incidentally, it makes little difference whether the woman is actually violating a tradition.)

The whole tradition idea is kind of silly in a way. But it is a lot of fun and it certainly gets the students in the right frame of mind for weekend activities ahead.

—(B.R.)

Tickets for Spouses

Something slightly different in the way of married students' basketball tickets will be offered for the first time this year by the athletic department.

Spouses of University students will be able to buy tickets for $1 (the present general admission price) which will allow them to sit in the student, or downstairs, section with their mates. They will be able to purchase these tickets at the same time that reserved seat tickets go on sale for each game.

On the surface, this may not appear to be any change from the old method. However, there are two principal advantages to the new plan. First, these tickets will insure that the wife or husband of a married student can sit with his or her mate at games. In the past, the spouse had to buy a general admission ticket, and then take a chance on outrunning the small children when the downstairs section was opened at 7:30.

Second, tickets can now be purchased during the week prior to the game, rather than just at the door the night of the game.

We believe this new plan is a good one, and that it answers most of the objections to married students' seating at basketball games. We agree with athletic director Leo Harris that season tickets for basketball would be useless, at least at the regular general admission price, since most spouses wouldn't attend every home game, and thus would pay more per game than the regular $1 price.

A Little Shook

"GUESS YOU DIDN'T KNOW— PROF SNARF CAN'READ LIPS'."

College Capers . . .
From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
Emerald Columnist

A SOLUTION TO THE MILL-race problem?

The greater university fund at the University of Kansas announced in its second annual report that $55,000 has been collected during the past charter year through gifts and donations. This is a $14,000 increase in one year.

The University endowment association personally writes former students not only in the state but throughout the nation. Some universities fail to reach many who would be willing contributors by reaching only the rich alumni. This is not the case here.

Even though the cost and the time spent are considerable the results above seem to be well worth the effort and such a plan might even be considered here at Oregon.

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ONE WAY TO WIN A game:

A rash of red candles has broken out on the University of Texas. Purpose? To hex TCU's Frogs in a crucial game this weekend.

Burning of the candles has traditionally been reserved to hex highly-favored grid foes in crucial games. The custom has been evoked three times; in 1941, 1950, and 1953. Texas won on all three occasions.

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On crossing 13th:
To avoid mishaps,
And jail-bird raps;
Just cross at the spot,
Where cars must stop!

The Daily Reveille
Louisiana State University

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ANOTHER QUEEN:

At the University of Texas many of the girls living in Kirby Hall take a short cut to the campus via a rock wall that runs in front of Campus Guild. Men from the Guild have been accommodating. Earlier this fall, they cleared away overhanging limbs and branches and next attempted to start a date bureau by posting information about their eligible bachelors on a nearby tree. Currently, the men are sponsoring a beauty contest, and the winner is to be known as Miss Wall Walker of 1955.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Tangible, Intangible Factors Enter Into International Conference Plans

By J. M. Roberts
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You can get up a pretty good argument on both sides as to whether it is wise to end one unsuccessful international conference by announcing plans for another.

The factors involved are both tangible and intangible. Not all are directly involved with the major question, which is the tug-of-war for Germany.

The chief intangible factor is that scheduling another four-power meeting now tends to continue the situation which began when the summit meeting was planned, in which unfounded hopes for East-West settlements interfere with prosecution of the Western defense program.

Russia's clear demonstration this time that she pursues a strictly "heads I win, tails you lose" policy should put a damper on this tendency. Nevertheless, the tendency to mark time pending scheduled negotiations is always there, and is especially noticeable in connection with such things as West German rearmament.

The other side of this coin is that during the latest negotiation period Red China has also been marking time in her political approach, if not in her military preparations, on the Formosa question.

Highly significant, however, is the fact that Russia, grabbing a long-awaited opportunity to infiltrate the Middle East, was not deterred by her interest in the facade of the Geneva spirit.

The Allies may hope, by scheduling a new conference, to delay Russia's direct approach to West Germany on the reunification issue.

Russia began setting up machinery for this approach before the summit conference, intending to go ahead with it after the conferences, which she knew would fail. But the reasons why she should not violate the "truce" created by continuing negotiations, and why she cannot refuse to enter them, seem almost as cogent as for the Allies.

Both sides at Geneva have made many moves designed primarily to influence nations which are not yet definitely committed in the cold war. An appearance of sincerity in trying for settlements is important in this contest.

There is not the slightest reason to believe, however, that another conference next spring will bring the contestants any closer to agreement.

The final communique Wednesday will be optimistic. It will stress things that the two sides are agreed upon, such as that war is bad. But the facts of life will remain as they were before the summit conference and the foreign ministers conference, and as they have been ever since Russia devised her plan to conquest the world.

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