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Let's Not Lose Now

A few University students are thoughtlessly jeopardizing final approval of the plans for Millrace restoration.

Since the canoe rental service went into operation, there have been at least four cases of deliberate tipplings. In one instance a canoe containing two girls attending the Job's Daughters convention was deliberately tipped over by a group of fraternity men.

The result was a couple of very unhappy mothers and the loss of a lot of good will for the University.

Remember that we do not yet have the Millrace. The city council has said it will provide part of the money if a satisfactory agreement can be worked out with the University. We know that there are some very influential people, including some councilmen, who are opposed to spending city money on the stream.

If students persist in misusing the race by engaging in canoe fights, dunking canoes full of women, and generally misbehaving, the opponents of restoration will have a strong argument.

A case of infectious hepatitis or a drowning resulting from a deliberately tipped canoe would mobilize opposition and cost the University support all over the state.

The situation has University officials so worried that Student Union director A. L. Ellingson, who is in charge of the canoe rental program, says he may be forced to recommend disciplinary action against any student caught engaging in such activity.

Certainly college students are capable of disciplining themselves. Now is the time to start, before the discipline committee is forced to step in. Many students have made Millrace restoration almost a reality; we can't let a few make it impossible.

Labor's Censure

The cause of labor has suffered some severe jolts in the realm of public opinion recently. Probably the biggest loss of prestige was incurred by the acid-attack on labor columnist Victor Reisel. Now a Teamsters

union official is implicated in the current expose of corruption in Portland.

It is unlikely that more than one or two men were involved in the Reisel episode. And only one Teamster official is accused of conspiracy to gain control in the Portland underworld. Yet this is all it takes to create the kind of adverse publicity which sickens the public on the entire labor movement.

This unhappy situation is not improving, and it won't — not until the rank and file worker decides that it's time to show some interest in his union and his leaders. Something is wrong when the racket-ridden International Longshoremen's association is able to continue its domination on the east coast. Do the workers have effective control over their labor leaders? It has been revealed that they do not in the Teamsters union, at least not in the Northwest.

When labor unions were still fighting for existence in the '30's the laborer was interested. He was close to his problems and he knew his leaders. But as conditions improved and industry mushroomed, he began to let these union bosses gain more authority. As long as he continued to get an occasional raise in wages and increased benefits he was satisfied. The collective bargaining table was too far removed from his existence to bother him.

Thus today we have irresponsible union officials that undo all the good accomplished by such men as George Meany and Walter Reuther. Public opinion has a strange memory. It will forget a guaranteed annual wage, but long remember a Dave Beck. Unless union members reassess their leaders and regain control of their unions, labor has only begun to taste public censure.—(J.C.R.)

Footnotes

Formula for a successful rally: one yell king plus some 20 enthusiastic people. Thursday night's hearing of yell king try-outs by the ASUO senate proved an attraction for students in the fishbowl and those walking through the S.U. who joined in the fun. One of the most successful rallies we've seen for a long time.



"NICE BLIND DATE — LITTLE TOO TALL THOUGH."

BLUE MONDAY

Slothful Party Snores Past Filing Deadline

By Scott McArthur
Emerald Columnist

Politics is in the campus news spotlight this week.

The death of the AGS party has opened the door for all sorts of new political enterprises. The slothful Ho-Hum party has snored its way past filing time. The gay set has formed the Country Club party, and a late-comer last week filed for office on the one-candidate Zaibatsu ticket. A few would-be glory boys have even made a somewhat fumbling attempt to organize on the lines of old outlaw TNE machine.

The new "parties" announced show a great deal of originality, but we think they can be improved upon.

If we were running things we would suggest these:

THE ROCK 'N ROLL PARTY: Candidate for president — Daddy-O Finkberger. Slogan — "When you think of campus politics, GO MAN!"

THE SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER REVOLUTIONISTS' PARTY: Candidate for president — Pancho Lopez. Slogan — "When you think of campus politics, REVOLT!"

THE ALCOHOLICS UNANIMOUS PARTY: Candidate for president — Ewald J. Barfly. Slogan — "When you think of campus politics, ON TO MAXIE'S!"

And finally, our favorite — **THE BLASE BUSTERS' PARTY:** Candidate for president — Sedgewick Yawn. Slogan — "When you think of campus politics, VOMIT!"

One thing for certain — no matter who wins the election nod, no one will be satisfied.

That's kind of traditional, you know.

Picked up in passing from one of the fraternities' "dry" Duck Preview whing-dings. The glassy-eyed high school senior, clutching his 11 oz. stubby of orange pop, uttered these immortal words: "Me, I'm joining the Navy. But I wouldn't miss out on a party like this for the world."

HEADLINE OF THE WEEK:

The up-coming annual Phi Theta "Mystie" sale prompts this week's gem from the Emerald headline chart. It reads: "MYSTIE SALE SUCCESS; INFIRMARY LIST GROWING"

From the Files

April 30, 1954

A third campus political party was seen to be arising, formed behind Tom Arata, a candidate for senator-at-large. He was backed by a group of students planning to form a campus political party the following fall.

Arata's platform was based around maintenance of academic freedom, establishment of a student-faculty academic affairs committee, formation of an association of student employees on the campus, ending discriminatory practices in all campus organizations, perpetuation of the all-campus primary, re-appraisal of the dormitory advising system, and the making known of University students' views to state and national legislators.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

H, who had attended the University of Oregon law school for four hours said, "This school is not superior."

"Heavens," said a member of the faculty.

"We're transferring to a better school," said many members of the first year class.

"We will all transfer in unison," said many members of the second year class.

"We should be superior," said J.C.R.

S, who failed in his grades at the University of Oregon law school and is currently instructing at Harvard, was puzzled.

"Why," he said puzzledly, "is the University of Oregon law school not superior?"

"Because H, who had attended the University of Oregon for four hours said it was not superior," said a member of the faculty.

"Because of incompetent instructors," said many members of the first year class.

"Because of low salaried professors," said many members of the second year class in unison.

"Because too many graduates pass the bar exam," said J.C.R.

S, who failed in his grades at the University of Oregon law school and is now instructing law at Harvard, was puzzled still.

"Why," he said still puzzledly, "are some of the instructors

considered incompetent."

"Because H, who had attended the University of Oregon for four hours said so, said a member of the faculty.

"Because they don't know as much as we do," said many members of the first year class.

"Because they don't make enough money," said many members of the second year class in unison.

"Because too many people fail," said J.C.R.

S, who failed in his grades at the University of Oregon law school, and is now an instructor in Law at Harvard was not puzzled any more. "I see," he said unpuzzledly, "the University of Oregon law school is inferior because its student body is willing to join in condemnation of its own school, based on the value of judgment in one ambiguous statement of one ambiguous man. A group of prospective lawyers are ready to stop enjoying a song because it didn't make the hit parade. There has to be something wrong with a law school that can't teach its students not to jump at conclusions or to form judgments based on speculation and one man opinions. That's one of the first things they taught me at the superior school of Harvard," he added for effect.

Sam A. McKeen
First year law student

Emerald Editor:

As a proponent of individualism at all cost, I wish to be the first to publicly announce my support of the Zaibatsu party and its sole candidate for office, George Wingard. Why do I sincerely pledge my support to a relatively unknown candidate? There are several strong reasons.

The first: George has submitted none of his ideals to the compromising effect of a coalition government. He has fearlessly struck out on his own in the face of well-known, conservative opposition.

Secondly: George has the qualification necessary to represent well the majority of students. His wide, well-traveled visage is adaptable to any situation. His knowledge of Oregon State college is important in our relationship with that institution during such trying times as Homecoming, exchange assemblies, etc.

Finally I would like to appeal to all students who dislike compromise; who favor strong, undivided attention to duty, and sterling American individualism, to place their vote for George Wingard, candidate for ASUO President, an individual who stands on his own two feet.

John Lessel
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