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Costly Weekend

Junior Weekend is rapidly growing into a very costly thing.

For example, ticket prices this year run as follows:

All-campus sing, 85 cents; Mother's breakfast, \$1.25; all-campus luncheon, 50 cents, and canoe fete, \$1.25. Total price for the four above tickets is \$3.85.

Granted that most of the fees are justified. Certainly those for the two meals are. The canoe fete, we have agreed, is a worthy cause and so we won't begrudge spending money on it as long as the amount is not unreasonable. But what is the reason for charging 85 cents to hear the all-campus sing?

If the price of the tickets was the only expense for guests connected with Junior Weekend, surely no one would complain. There are other expenses, however.

Included in these other expenses are transportation costs, hotel or motel bills and meals other than the ones sponsored by the University.

Of course it's nice to have mothers down for a special weekend, and they undoubtedly appreciate all the events we have planned for them.

We hope they still appreciate these events though the money eventually comes out of their pockets. We hope they don't think they are invited just for their money.

—(A.H.)

Voters' Choice

One thing is certain about voters who are going to the polls today: if their choices are based only upon the information supplied by the official voters' pamphlet distributed by the secretary of state, they will not have much of a basis for choosing between the candidates.

One of the ideas behind such a pamphlet is to provide for the candidates a low-cost means of reaching all of the voters. Theoretically, this is all well and good.

The difficulty is that the information contained in the pamphlet is not uniform nor is it presented in a manner which al-

lows the voter to compare the candidates, their qualifications and their platforms. Further, in some instances the information is supplied by the candidate, in others by his supporters.

If the voters' pamphlet is to serve its purpose, the information it contains should follow some uniform form. Rather than having the candidates just file statements, they should be required to fill out a form including such things as age, educational background, organizational memberships, previous public offices held and experience which would qualify them for the office sought.

It is our feeling that the "platforms" presented in the current voters' pamphlets are next to worthless. If better arrangements cannot be made for their presentation, they should be omitted from the pamphlet.

As for distribution, it would seem imperative that if a voters' booklet is to be effective, it must reach each voter sufficiently in advance of the time in which he votes to thoroughly peruse it. The pamphlets were late this year, even for people who were voting in the regular primary. Many absentee voters had already voted by the time the pamphlets arrived. The money spent by the candidates in buying the pages in the pamphlet and that spent by the state in printing and distributing it was wasted for these people.

To the voter, an adequate voters' pamphlet would provide a good source of information concerning candidates for political office. The current pamphlet does not do this. Changes should be made in the pamphlet to warrant its continued existence.—(S.R.)

Footnotes

Not to be outdone by the law school gallery, the Emerald managing editor is at least going to give them something to whistle at. Wait until student affairs decides men have to wear long coats over Bermuda shorts.

This week's special at the Student Union: a handy Sunkist-brand do-it-yourself orange juice kit for 10 cents. Contents: one orange.

College Prep



"I think the trouble with most of our freshmen is that the high schools just aren't teaching them to read."

AGE AGAINST HIM

Alley Group Raises Objection to Pogo

WASHINGTON, May 17½ (By Special Correspondent) — Pogo Possum's chances for the presidency were thrown into considerable doubt today when objections to his candidacy were voiced by an influential group in an alley just northeast of the Capitol Building. An altercation during which an elderly gentleman's hat was punctured started when a voice vote showed that only three percent of those pres-

is a simple matter of law and arithmetic."

It was pointed out by a disorderly minority that law and arithmetic are not simple matters. However, the general consensus of the group as it proceeded in flight through a picturesque section of the mall was that Pogo is not old enough to legally stand for the presidency.

Student organizations have, of course, for a long time been of the opinion that everybody in the country has to stand for the presidency, whether old enough or not. This latter aspect was somewhat obscured in today's discussion when several of those participating tumbled into the lagoon and had to be rescued by a visiting group of girl scouts from North Dakota.

It was felt that there might be a trend in the northwest indicated by the action.



POGO ADHERENT MAKES BIG IMPRESSION ON WASHINGTON SOCIETY

ent could spell, much less pronounce, Okefenokee.

Political experts in the area have for a long time been of the opinion that the swampland candidate's age is somewhat against him.

"It is not a matter of discrimination," explained one statesman, who shall be nameless. "It

From the Files

May 15, 1952

The fourth national political speaker in four days, Harold Stassen, will take in the school of music auditorium at 8 to night. Stassen follows on the heels of Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, seeking the Democratic nod; Paul Hoffman, campaigning for General Dwight D. Eisenhower for the GOP nomination, and Gov. Earl Warren of California, also seeking the Republican nomination.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Russia Puts Drive Into Efforts To Make Rest of World Relax

By J. M. Roberts
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Never before has Russia put such drive into her efforts to make the rest of the world relax.

For a year now she has been doing one thing after another to meet the Western demand that she show her intent by deeds.

Only once, by grasping the opportunity to inject her influence into the Middle East, has she let the old expansionist policy take the spotlight from her peace offensive, though she had held back from any definitive settlements.

One thing the West has demanded was a peace treaty for Austria. After blocking it at every turn for years, she came across.

To back her argument against big power maintenance of military bases beyond their borders, she gave up her base in Finland. She relinquished some of her powers in Manchuria, although the effect of this was dulled by

the fact that the beneficiary was Red China, which Russia continues to arm.

She made peace with Yugoslavia.

To match leveling off of military preparedness in the United States and elsewhere, she cut her military manpower last year, and now, to offset the failure of recent disarmament talks in London, she has announced a further and much larger cut. She and the Communist bloc nevertheless retain something like a 2 to 1 edge in this department.

Anthony Eden's comments during the Commons debate over the "frogman incident" indicates he thinks things are happening which might make for better world relations. He didn't want the incident fanned into flame not only for reasons of British security, he said cryptically, but also for the sake of "a very important international interest."

The calmness of the Russian

protest over this case and the courtesy of the British reply had been notable. Eden's plea to his political opponents in Commons sound very much like "Don't rock the boat, it may be going somewhere this time."

The new Russian military cut has been gingerly assessed in the United States as a new argument against the West's need for the North Atlantic Treaty organization.

No reliance can be placed on Russian deeds or words, however, as long as she is the frankly declared enemy of non-Communist countries. When she says and means, "You can live as you please," freeing the territory she has seized as an industrial reservoir and a buffer zone, confidence in her intentions can begin to grow.

In the meantime the nations which have conducted "Operation Containment" are under great responsibility to provide every possible encouragement for the emergence of a tamed Russia.



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