

# + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

## Late Drop Card

### 'Race, Bottles and Girls

Last Thursday a freshman woman was cut badly by debris when she was thrown into the Millrace after the tug of war. It isn't surprising that someone was hurt; it is surprising that someone hadn't been hurt seriously before this.

The Emerald and many others have been boosting the restoration of the 'Race. A great deal of progress has been made. Accidents of this type, caused by the irresponsibility of students, could easily lead to the abandonment of the stream.

As long as students insist on using the Millrace as a receptacle for empty beer bottles and other trash, serious injuries are possible. Potential contributors to 'Race restoration can point to this situation and say "Why should I donate my money just so a bunch of kids can be guaranteed a place to throw girls in on top of broken bottles?"

And we wouldn't blame them.

In other words, either use the Millrace right or don't use it at all.—(A.H.)

### 'Fishy Smells in the PCC

If there were any doubts remaining about the sincerity of the Pacific Coast conference's new "get-tough" policy, they were dispelled Saturday by the slap handed UCLA.

The Bruins were put on probation for at least three years, "fined" almost \$95,000, and had two of their booster clubs removed from good standing. The probation will end in three years only if UCLA can prove it has mended its ways.

The ruling by the conference faculty representatives means that Bruin teams are ineligible to participate in any postseason athletic contest (including the Rose Bowl), or divisional or conference championship event. In addition UCLA lost its share of the Rose Bowl receipts for three years and was fined another \$15,000 because UCLA Chancellor Raymond B. Allen "denied the commissioner of the conference the opportunity to conduct an investigation of the financial aid given to athletes."

The crackdown on the Bruins followed by two weeks a two-year probation and fines amounting to \$52,000 which were thrown at the University of Washington.

The penalty against UCLA was the stiffest ever handed to a PCC school.

Its about time the PCC got up enough nerve to crack down. The situation at Washington had been common knowledge for years. The procedures at UCLA hadn't been so flagrantly advertised, but there was more than a faint suspicion of irregularity in the manner in which promising athletes, especially football players, came to enroll at Bruinville.

But the investigation hasn't gone far enough. We are not so naive as to believe all irregularities in Coast conference recruiting have been cleaned up by paddling Washington and UCLA. There are at least two other schools from which fishy smells have been wafting for the past few years. That list could easily be stretched to six if any credence is given to rumors that have flown about recently.

Wilbur Johns, the UCLA athletic director, has been quoted as threatening to "blow the horn" on the rest of the conference if his school was disciplined. This is not a particularly noble sentiment, since it implies that Johns knowingly condoned recruiting irregularities.

However, it might be the best thing for the conference. The public is getting sick of hearing revelations and rumors of under-the-table payments to athletes. We wouldn't

be surprised if the public eventually got sick of football for just that reason.

It's time for a through investigation of the practices of every school in the conference, even if OCE and Linfield must become members in order to have someone eligible for the Rose Bowl.

### No Whitewash Wanted

Lane county District Attorney Eugene Venn goes before the Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday in an attempt to get some action on his charges of irregularity in the way Lane county jurors are picked.

Venn wants the Supreme Court to accept original jurisdiction in the case and to hear his evidence. The whole situation, which started with an alleged embezzlement of funds belonging to a man now serving time in the Oregon state penitentiary, is highly complicated.

Gossip and rumor have undoubtedly distorted the facts. Much of what is known cannot be printed because the papers are skating on the thin edge of libel and contempt of court.

However, two major points stand out in the investigation.

First, Oregon law is inadequate for a case of this kind. Venn is contending that the present grand jury was illegally drawn. Yet by law he must go before this same grand jury to present his evidence. Assuming that this procedure is unsatisfactory, he is left with two choices.

He can go before the Supreme Court, as has been done, or he could request the state attorney general to step in and conduct a complete investigation. A week ago the Eugene Register-Guard sent an open letter to Governor Elmo Smith requesting that the governor direct Attorney General Thornton to investigate.

The governor then asked Thornton whether he thought the attorney general should step in. Thornton wanted to wait until after the Supreme Court hearing tomorrow. So the case drags along.

Secondly, the case has grown so large that nothing less than a full investigation of judicial procedure in the county is necessary. We don't know which side is right, but the jury system must be above suspicion at all times. Suspicion has been cast; a full and impartial investigation should be made.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the district attorney and Circuit Judge Frank Reid do not get along. For the good of the county, one of these men should have another job when the investigation is completed.

The local bar association apparently doesn't want to become involved in a controversial situation. Circuit Judge Dal King would not give Venn a chance to present his evidence in an earlier Eugene hearing.

That leaves the whole mess squarely up to the Supreme Court or the attorney general. One must accept responsibility. We don't want this thing whitewashed.

### Footnotes

Then there are the Republicans who don't go along with this GOP unity pledge last week. "If Oregon Republicans go McKay," they say, "we go Pogo." Anyone for a write in campaign for Hitchcock in November?

Alas, oldtime activity banquet season will never again be the same. No more rounds of swiss steak, potatoes and peas—the Student Union is going to have a Roman affair, complete with togas and a 50 cent entry fee. We even understand one long-time member of the board, is being primed to play Bacchus.



"Anyone else like to disagree on what the test should have covered?"

## College Capers . . .

### From Coast to Coast

#### OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES . . .

WACO, TEXAS — (ACP)—This story comes from the "It seems to me" column in the Baylor Lariat, under the heading "perfect squeelch."

A floor director at one of the women's dormitories had a visitor recently—her eight-year-old sister. The little girl sat with her older sister at the director's desk while she was working. A senior boy came in to buzz for his date. While he was waiting for her to come down, he conversed with the director and her young sister.

Finally he began playfully drawing pictures on the sign-out book, a habit he usually indulged in while waiting. The little girl watched him for a while, then asked the dignified senior, "What are you going to be when you grow up?"

#### MORE LIGHTER SIDE

PITTSBURG, KANSAS — (ACP)—A couple more chuckles from the pages of the Collegio, published at Kansas State Teachers college.

Said one student to the other: "If it's heads, we go to bed. If it's tails, we stay up. If it stands on edge, we study."

And when the Prof asked Joe College: "You missed my class yesterday, didn't you?" Joe answered, "No, sir, not a bit!"

#### DEFINITIONS—

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (ACP) — Charles Fisher listed these

definitions in his column in the Dakota Student:

TO EXPEDITE—This means to confound confusion with commotion.

UNDER CONSIDERATION—This means "Never heard of it."

UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION—We're looking into the files for it.

RELIABLE SOURCE — The guy you just met.

INFORMED SOURCE — The guy who told the guy you just met.

UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE — The guy who started the rumor originally.

WE ARE MAKING A SURVEY—We need more time to think of an answer.

WILL ADVISE IN DUE COURSE—If we figure it out, we'll let you know.

And to end the whole matter, clarification means to fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.

#### THE STUDENT VOTER

YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO—(ACP)—This rather discouraging report on a student election is reprinted from the Antioch College Record:

A French poodle recently captured 405 votes and ran third in a student council election at the University of British Columbia. The dog was entered as "Kiki Graham" by a student who wanted to prove that voters do not investigate the backgrounds of candidates.



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