



POTENTIAL OLYMPIC stars practice their hockey form along the Millrace, as onlookers cheer from the sidelines. The scene is typical as Oregon students enjoy the surprising cold spell.

Though two minor injuries (falls not counted) have occurred, spirits have not dampened. Several other spots are currently popular as makeshift sports centers. The Phi Deltas are using their basketball court as a skating rink, and Hendricks Park has been appropriated as a ski slope.

Weather Makes Mark; Infirmary Unscathed

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With today's weather report reading "Slight clearing but still cool with tonight's weather warming (?) to 12°" the infirmary reported that they had experienced no added business with cuts, bruises or colds.

The report from several garages, both private and public, however, was not in the same vein. Frozen locks, icy radiators and other car maladies brought cries of "Why didn't I buy anti-freeze?" (along with a few vile oaths) from those whose autos had been forced to sit in front of a living organization.

Long socks, ski sweaters and jackets, and ski hats blossomed out all over the campus while extracurricular activities turned to skiing on the streets, ice skating on the mill race and falling flat on the way to class.

Some classes found teachers missing but it was more common for teachers to find classes mis-

sing. For some reason (generally attributed to the letters from the Suzy girls which run periodically in this paper as to their broken window payment plight) snow-ball fights have been mysteriously avoided. However, Friday did see about six Phi Deltas bombing the Kappa house while the girls retaliated by sweeping snow off the roof onto the attackers.

The ever-popular pastime of washing one's face in the snow has been practiced to some degree but the most favorite occupation of most students is commenting about the cold or expounding about the beauty of it all.

With midterm tests approaching many students (at least those who have reverted to the library for shelter from the elements should be able to raise the old average.

The whole story can be summed up with two views. There are those who say, "Isn't it neat?" and those who say "When will it melt?" Which are you???

Accidents on Ice Injure 2 Students

Skating may be smooth, but several students have decided that it has its bumpier side.

Dick Allen, junior in pre-med, was confined to the infirmary Monday with four stitches in his head following a spill on the Millrace while skating.

Chuck Austin, senior in history, was skating backwards on the ice and hit his head against the bridge; result: one fall, one broken nose and one black eye.

Plus the expected tumbles, a number have fallen through the ice. The middle of the iMillrace isn't too thick, but it's reported that the skating's fine along the edges—if you can stand up.

Bill to Exempt House Taxation

SALEM (AP)—A bill to exempt living organizations from taxation at state colleges and at the university was introduced in the Senate Monday by Sen. Francis W. Ziegler (R-Corvallis) and 13 other legislators.

It would become effective with the new tax year.

Ziegler said the bill is needed because the Benton County assessor recently submitted tax bills to fraternities and sororities at Oregon State College.

University fraternities, sororities and co-ops are facing the personal property tax problem right now.

It has been estimated that such a tax could place as much as an additional \$1000 on living organization tax bills.



ALBUREY CASTELL
To address Assembly

Science as 'Goad' Topic of Assembly

The fifth speaker in the University Lecture Series for winter term is Albury Castell, head of the philosophy department, who will speak at 1 p.m. today in the Student Union Ballroom.

"Science as the Road to Philosophy" will be Castell's speech topic.

Since 1949 Castell has been the head of the philosophy department at the University. Besides teaching, he is also a noted author.

Castell received his Ph.D. in 1931 from the University of Chicago. He had previously received a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Toronto.

KWAX Airs Political Tiff

Campus Leaders Debate 'Influence' in Government

By PHIL HAGER
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The well-worn subject of campus politics was given a 30-minute workout Monday night over campus radio station KWAX.

Is there "Political Influence With Student Government?" asked KWAX.

Waldrop Says Yes

Yes, said Tom Waldrop, writer of a letter to the editor in the Jan. 21 edition of the Emerald, in which he claimed smooth engineering, reverse psychology and sorority sisters helped select a yell duke and a senator-at-large.

No, said Darrel Brittsan, ASUO president.

Other members of a guest panel included juniors Mike Smith and Jim Carter, ASUO public relations man.

The broadcast took place from 7 to 7:30 p. m. Monday night.

Said Waldrop in his letter to the editor:

Letter Quoted

"... Four young gentlemen appeared before the Senate to be interviewed. After the interview and tryouts, the Senate held a discussion to choose one of the fellows. During this time only two of the candidates were discussed. Not a word was mentioned about the other two. Through smooth handling of the engineering at the controls and a bit of reverse psychology you-know-who was chosen."

(The "you-know-who" referred to is former yell duke Ron Brown, who recently resigned.)

Waldrop supported his previous claims.

When queried, Brittsan came back with two points:

1) "I don't think the senate was fooled by so-called reverse psychology... it is possible that this could have been attempted... but I don't think the Senate was drawn in."

'Not Everybody'

2) It's not necessary to discuss everybody for the sake of discussion.

Next, senate screening was brought up.

Waldrop had this to say about the subject in his letter of Jan. 21.

"Previous to the evening the Senate was to convene, a screening committee was set up to knock down the number of 'Senate Hopefuls.' Thirty-nine candidates were to appear before this committee. It seems now that even this isn't necessary to be among the finalists. One young Miss failed to show up for the screening. To my surprise, as I read in the Emerald the following day, she was listed among the finalists."

Hints Sorority Influence

Waldrop went on to hint that she was chosen because a sorority sister was on the screening committee.

Waldrop said he got his information "first hand". He was present at the meeting and the girl "didn't show."

(The "young Miss" often referred to is Dotty Griffith, who was chosen for a senator-at-large post). She had been interviewed by the senate fall term, when she unsuccessfully petitioned.

Was the senate wrong in electing a senator who hadn't bothered to come to the screening interview?

Waldrop thought so. So did Mike Smith, who noted that someone on the screening committee "must have known" the "individual".

"It's the principle of the thing," said Smith. "There must have been some previous knowledge."

Superior Caliber Claimed

Carter had a reply to this charge: "The Senate felt she was of superior caliber and they put her on the Senate... 'Caliber is the important thing, regardless of whether or not she was there.'"

President Brittsan echoed Carter's sentiments.

"They (the Senate) knew who was going to appear, but... there was no discussion on the individuals until after the interviews had taken place."

Because of FCC ruling, KWAX could not allow the penalties to name names over the air. The station presented what it termed "dual conclusions" and let the listener determine his own opinion. Does politics influence student government?

Holmes Guest Speaker At Banquet of Profs

Governor Robert D. Holmes will be guest speaker at a banquet Feb. 4 sponsored by the U of O chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Tickets are on sale for \$1.50 at the main desk in the Student Union until Thursday. The banquet will be held at 6 p.m. in the SU Ballroom.

Roland Bartel, assistant professor of English, said that all faculty and staff members and their guests are invited.

Seniors To Discuss Ball Plans Today

An informal meeting of seniors will be held today at 3 p.m. at The Paddock, 3333 Hilyard St., Phil Hill, senior class president, has announced.

Plans for the Senior Ball will be discussed, Hill said. The dance, sponsored by the senior class for the student body, will be held Feb. 9.

'Refreshments'—at a special cut rate—will be an additional feature of the informal session.