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"DO YOU EVER HAVE ANYTHING ON YOUR MIND BESIDES GIRLS?"

We Take Issue

Four campus leaders debated the question of fraternity-sorority influence on the ASUO Senate Monday night.

Participants were Tom Waldrop and Mike Smith, who aspire to Senate seats, attacking the present situation; ASUO President Darrel Brittsan and public relations chairman Jim Carter defended the "administration."

The challengers inferred that two recent Senate appointments; those of Ron Brown as Yell King and Dorothy Griffith to a Senate vacancy, came about because of "who they knew."

We take issue with this charge. Former Yell King Ron Brown was not selected because of fraternity brothers or close friends on the Senate. This group, while strongly supporting him, controlled only their own three votes. Brown completely sold himself to the Senate with his distinctive style. Whether or not the decision was wise; we do not feel there was any skull-duggery involved.

Miss Griffith was appointed to the Senate after not showing up for her screening committee interview. This she should have done, but to infer that she was approved merely because a sorority sister sat on the committee is also unfair.

Miss Griffith was interviewed by the whole Senate for a similar position in the fall term. At that time she made a very favorable impression and was almost selected. Later the Senate interviewed her for Dads' Day chairman. So the screening committee had much more than a sorority sister's recommendation to rely upon.

And it should not be forgotten that her final selection was made by the whole Senate, which is not exactly under the thumb of Miss Griffith's sorority.

There is much that can be improved in student government, and discussion of shortcomings is very healthy. This particular issue, however, is at least 90 percent invalid.

From the Squirrel Cage

Story Inspiring Behind Millrace Restoration Plans

By **DARREL BRITTSAN**
ASUO President

Something new has been added to the Millrace; namely, its use as an ice arena. This is the first time that I can recall having seen ice hockey being played on the Millrace.

As those with broken noses and bandaged heads will testify this new activity also has its dangerous aspects. Thus we see a new activity revolving around the Millrace.

Although most students are aware of the Millrace Restoration program, many do not realize the complete story behind it. Four years ago the Millrace was a much-talked-about issue, but the general opinion was that restoration was financially unfeasible.

Two years ago a small, hopeful group of students received Senate approval to revive the Canoe Fete, with one of its purposes to stimulate interest in Millrace restoration.

Later this committee became the Millrace Committee that acquired funds for an engineering study of the Millrace. From this report several alternative

solutions were offered, and the present plan, to pump water into the Millrace, was selected by the committee and approved by the Senate.

This was certainly a turning point. Now we could offer an acceptable solution to restore the Millrace which was financially reasonable. Since this time the Eugene City Council and the University of Oregon have been working out a contract suitable to both parties.

At Thursday's Senate meeting Sam Vahey will give a progress report for the Millrace Committee so that we will know all the recent developments. I will have a copy of this report in the ASUO office and anyone wishing to know more detail is more than welcome to come in and read this report.

The significance of this entire project, I think, is the tremendous impact that a few students had in starting the machinery of Millrace Restoration. At a time when almost everyone felt that the problem was insurmountable, this handful of individuals succeeded in finding a solution through hard work and careful thinking. As a result of these efforts the University of Oregon will be able to boast of a more attractive Millrace and one that we are sure will be here tomorrow.



Interpreting the News

Mid-East Policies Under Review

By **JAMES MARLOW**
AP News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators appear ready to review — perhaps investigate — handling of Middle East problems by both the Eisenhower and Truman administrations. Neither is going to come out of this looking brilliant.



Both have pumped aid into the area. Both have done some piecemeal planning. Both played by ear. Neither can be said to have had a real Middle East policy.

The new Eisenhower program — judging from the vagueness of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles on what it will do and how — seems less a policy than an appearance of action until a policy can be worked out.

The reasons for Middle East turmoil and lack of planning for long-range solutions by both administrations have roots that are complex and deep. They go far back and involve some American failures.

For example: Both administrations have failed to live up to the 1950 U.S.-British-French agreement that the three allies would take "immediate action" to stop violation of frontiers or armistice lines by Arabs or Israelis. Those violations have been committed constantly by Jews and Arabs.

Neither administration came close to working out a solution for the resettlement of the 900,000 Arab refugees from the Arab-Israeli war of 1948. They

are still homeless, scattered in Arab countries around Israel's borders.

Most of the 70 million Arabs live under wretched conditions, cause enough for unrest. But their rulers, suspicious of one another, are united only in their hatred of the new Jewish state of Israel created in 1948.

Arab intellectuals and students are discontented. They recognize the condition of their people, the absence of solutions, and the lack of opportunity and security for Arabs in general and themselves in particular.

The West's need for oil is one reason it can't afford to let communism have the Middle East. But little wealth trickles down to the masses from the fortunes in revenues handed over yearly by the oil companies to the ruling dynasties.

Most Middle East observers will probably agree the best hope for a solution is in long-range planning. Congress is opposed to long-range commitments and neither the Truman nor Eisenhower administration has bucked Congress on this.

Even if they did, the lack of stability in Middle East governments would be a primary stumbling block to giving long-term aid. If this dilemma can be solved, it will be an international miracle. That's the economic background.

Meanwhile, Arab rulers like Egypt's President Nasser use a political device to divert their people's attention from the failure of the leadership to improve their condition or give them a sense of security.

They do it by appealing to their people's nationalism, their hatred of colonialism, and their

prejudices against the Jews of Israel.

But the nationalist and anti-colonial theme would be invalidated if they didn't have strong foundations in fact and memory.

The Arabs don't have to remember any further back than the years after World War I when the British and French sought to control and dominate the Middle East, and did for a good while.

So long as this country's two allies were a forceful influence in the area it could afford to sit back and not worry about the approach of communism. To push into the Middle East then might have jeopardized the Western alliances.

The Truman and Eisenhower administrations apparently felt compelled even to avoid criticizing the colonialism of its allies for fear of alienating them. But the failure to do so, in the eyes of many Arabs, could only help identify the United States as a supporter of colonialism if not outright colonialist.

But the fiasco of the British-French attack on Egypt, the new hatred it engendered for the West and the new good will it brought to Russia shocked this country into realizing it needed to act or face disaster.

Campus Capers

(ACP)—"Lonely"? asked the ad in the University of Kansas Daily Kansan. "Meet me between 6 and 11. I'll whisper sweet nothings to you."

It was an ad for a local radio station.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

The situation has gone too far. Has Mother Nature lost all mercy on our poor feathered friends?

The recent snows have caused quite a bit of pressure to be placed on the birds around the campus. The poor things are starved. They can't get to their usual source of food. Most of the students on the campus are too unconcerned to help the poor things. All these people care about is themselves.

The birds are forced to eat English holly berries and, even though they know this isn't a proper diet, they have no other alternative. The berries dangling

from the barren vines on McArthur Court are being nibbled upon quite profusely. Our winged friends haven't a chance.

What I propose is this: I think every living organization should be required to put out at least a pound of dried bread to be consumed by the birds. Naturally, the bread should be placed in a central location. I have chosen the circular walk around the Pioneer Father. This seems to be the usual meeting place for all of the birds on the quad.

We'll have a sign posted, "Hands off, this is for the birds." This is to stop poor freshmen who aren't satisfied

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