

Millrace Delay Is Discouraging

The Eugene City Council's action Monday to delay final action on restoring the Millrace may possibly have hurt the current University fund-raising campaign. At least one prominent University official, SU Director "Si" Ellingson, said he was discouraged at the delay and that the campaign for funds downtown might be hindered by such a delay.

The Council — which was expected to make final approval for authorization of city funds for the project — came up with a counter-proposal. The new plan called for a ten-year contract instead of a 50-year contract for maintenance of the Race and to specify a \$2,500 yearly maximum for the city's share of maintenance costs in addition to bridge repair. The basic plan of 50-50 split on initial costs of restoration was not changed.

It would appear that the city is willing to go half way on the project — but only half way at the start. The city evidently does not want to take a chance on maintenance costs going higher than is expected — and is perfectly willing to let the University take the risk.

Perhaps maintenance costs will go high-

er than expected; perhaps they won't. This problem will probably be ironed out by University and city negotiators. For one, Business Manager J. O. Lindstrom looks forward to successful negotiations.

What is particularly disturbing to The Emerald is the delay in action. A committee of the whole plan — favoring the original Millrace plan for a 50-year contract split half and half — was suddenly rejected; and a counter-proposal, protecting the city interests at the expense of the University, was offered in its place.

This is "bad psychology" for fund-raising campaigns. Anyone approached for contributions from now on can argue that the "Millrace won't ever be restored anyway" because the council has delayed action at a crucial point in the game.

Perhaps the University and the city can solve the problem in a hurry. We hope so.

We also hope that fund raising efforts aren't hurt by the delay in final action. Frankly, we're sick of a brown Millrace that sports a bacteria count too high to swim in. A clean, clear Millrace will benefit both the city and the University. Let's hope such a goal is accomplished soon.

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Spring Soliloquy

You're awakened by an over-zealous call boy, you fall from your third-tier bunk in a bleary fog and stumble uncertainly toward the black hole that is your room. It's 6:30 and you have to get some work in on that term paper that's due at the end of the week.

After a questionable breakfast from a complaining cook, you ascend to your room and get ready to knock off a couple of pages on that paper. But yesterday's Emerald catches your eye and you're reminded that the term is drawing to a close and that activities are still with you. Talk about salt in the wounds!

By the time you digest this bit, you're ready to head out for your morning classes, such as they are. The lectures are the usual monotone, you nearly cork off in your public health class and only the offensive habits of a campus mascot keep you from dreamland.

James Marlow

Ike Solidly Behind Own Budget; Uncritical of Congress in TV Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's nationwide broadcast—both a defense of his record peacetime budget and an appeal for public support of it—contained nothing new.

This was not a fighting talk. The only reason for making the speech was that Republicans and Democrats in Congress are whacking big chunks out of his budget. But he said not a word critical of Congress.

'Tight as Can Be'

All he said—if summed up in one sentence—is what he has been saying since he offered his budget of almost 72 billion dollars to Congress earlier this year: that it is as tight as he can make it.

He was in effect pleading for public pressure on Congress not to cut.

Emphasis on Defense

Perhaps Eisenhower has already despaired of saving the non-defense parts of his budget, where cutting has already been voted. He put the most em-

phasis on the defense spending, where cutting is just getting under way.

A number of things made the background of this talk extraordinary:

1. Ever since early in 1957, when he sent his budget to Congress, he could have made a slam-bang fight on the lawmakers to let his budget alone.

Confusion in Congress

2. Early statements by some of the men closest to him — members of his Cabinet or just below Cabinet level—suggesting cuts could be made spread confusion in and out of Congress on whether Eisenhower really wanted as much as he asked.

3. He decided to make his plea late—after the lawmakers have been in session five months and already have axed deeply into the budget. Perhaps he acted too late. He could have made this same plea months ago.

Knowland Wants Cuts

4. His own Republican leaders

in Congress are talking of cuts far bigger than anything he wants. For example: Sen. Knowland of California, Republican Senate leader, is calling for reductions of at least three billion dollars.

The Milwaukee Journal quoted Rep. Simpson of Pennsylvania as telling a Republican women's meeting in Wisconsin that the mistakes of government are the fault of "deadwood New Dealers frozen in the various offices."

They are the ones, he was quoted as saying, who are to blame for the budget "now being condemned on every side."

Is Ike Misled?

Either Simpson is wrong or someone is keeping this information from Eisenhower, who took full responsibility for the budget last night. He said it was made up "under my personal direction by men and women who believe deeply in economy and efficiency in government."

Merit System, Yet



"SPLENDID INTERVIEW—HE'S ECCENTRIC, BIGOTED AND CONSERVATIVE. HE'LL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO THE FACULTY."

Darrel Brittsan

Student Presidents Meet Is Desirable Investment

A small Oregon delegation had the privilege last week of attending the Pacific Student Presidents Association convention at Arizona State College in Tempe. I would like to relate to you everything which we experienced, realizing that I will fall short of this goal.

First was the opportunity to meet and get to know many of the 170 delegates from the 69 schools and universities throughout the 11 western states. These acquaintances will be invaluable in the coming year, to say nothing of the ideas which were acquired from them.

Also, we listened to many outstanding speeches, among which was an address by Gen-

eral William F. Dean. Gen. Dean spoke on "Qualities That Leaders May Develop."

He emphasized integrity, loyalty and enthusiasm. Another speaker emphatically pointed out that America needs dynamic leadership in the future. Many astounding facts were related to us, showing that the world desperately needs leadership and that it must come from the college student. The inspiration received from these speeches is immeasurable.

Other profitable experiences were found in the discussion groups, each one dealing with a different phase of student government.

I have just touched upon the different aspects of the convention and told briefly the benefits attained. The money spent on this convention is well worth it. If we want dynamic, inspired student government, this is a wise investment.



Today's Art: A Time Test?

(ACP)—The following short editorial comes from the Stockton, California College Collegian. Perhaps it is a distillation from "bull session."

An interesting hobby, practiced by few, is to sit in a quiet place and worry about whether our contemporary arts will stand the test of time and other classics.

Classics are determined by one of two things: either they are of benefit to mankind in any civilization or they honestly and clearly depict the times of

which they are written.

We are living in a period of great change. The change has been, and in fact still is, coming about so fast that it is causing tension and unrest. People are struggling to get a foothold. Our art and music clearly show this struggle.

The literature of our contemporary writers tells of the everyday problems that confront us. They give accurate pictures of people and of the world we live in.

Many men and women have made contributions of such worth that we may rest assured they will continue to be enjoyed and respected for centuries to come.

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