

Academics or Activities?

What happened to the fine ideas people had last year about de-emphasizing activities? It appears these ideas have been lost in the welter of social events scheduled for this term.

One need only compare this term's calendar to last years to see what activities were put by the way side; unfortunately there are more than enough replacements this year.

This appears to be entirely out of line with what many on this campus have been striving for; to place academics above activities. The problem becomes more serious when one considers that most of the students thoroughly believe that this academic stress is a reality. If the students continue to lull themselves into blissful acceptance of what everyone else is saying, namely that "the University is entering a new era of awakening; we are all on our way to becoming intellectuals," they are fooling no one but themselves.

How can there truly be an intellectual awakening when so many activities compete so strongly for students' study time?

One of the most noticeable increases is the number of house dances scheduled for this term as compared to last year. Although the number of days set for house dances

as the same, this year's schedule has opened up some by saying "Men and Women's house dances." Thus we have as many as three more dance openings scheduled. But this is only one of the many activities slated for the term. Let us refresh your memory with a few examples: Whiskerino, Marine Band, UN Day, Federal Career Day, Frosh talent show, Halloween . . . and on, and on.

We aren't judging which ones are important and which ones aren't, we only say that activities haven't been de-emphasized. On the contrary, they are as strong (figuratively speaking), as ever.

Again the underlying significance of this must be pointed out; the students that believe in the new academic nature of the University are in reality only tearing it down, for they are not awake to the fact that this idea of intellectualism is not really here. And those that continue by innocently accepting what every one else is saying creates a drag on any honest efforts made to build a better University.

We feel that there is a surplus of unnecessary activities and until someone sets about eliminating them, the University will be mired in the same old chase-the-tail social whirl.



Four in a Row

Four in a row. This is where the Duck football squad now finds itself. And, as a result a few optimistic souls are beginning to whisper cautiously of the future—a future, they say, with a Bowl in it.

To be sure no one is making any positive statements, and we even hesitate to mention it here. But the signs are unmistakable. For example a popular sports columnist of one of the metropolitan dailies has started comparing past scores of University contests this season with the tallies of the Duck's future opposition against these same teams.

A good space filler, but there is also the suggestion that points tallied gives an indication of a team's strength.

Perhaps it does; yet to judge by these figures alone is sheer folly when it comes to picking a winner in a future game. There are too many other considerations in a single contest which are not proven by respective scores of previous contests.

So let's just take the Duck record for what it says; four in a row. There is some mighty tough competition to overcome before any hopes can be sufficiently raised to warrant talk of a post season football lash.

Moscow 'Unquestioned Leader' According to Chinese Press

By WILLIAM RYAN

Associated Press News Analyst Moscow, say the Red Chinese loudly and clearly, is the big boss.

Peiping's Communist party has gone out of its way to emphasize that the Soviet Union is the undisputed leader of the world Communist movement.

The remarkable performance more than justifies the expressed conviction of Secretary of State Christian A. Herter that the Kremlin is responsible for the actions of China and the whole Red bloc.

It underscores Undersecretary Douglas Dillon's contention that the U.S.S.R. should be held responsible for any Peiping aggression.

If there are differences on the ideological or the strategy level between Moscow and Peiping, the Chinese party seems to have buried them in an extravagant bow to Moscow's unquestioned leadership.

As if to dispel any notions among the world's Communists of a Kremlin-Peiping rift, the most important Red Chinese newspaper, the Peiping People's Daily, has just published an editorial important enough to be chorused by the whole country's provincial press. Its theme also was broadcast in foreign languages.

It was not a long editorial. But no less than eight times it stated unequivocally that in matters of the world revolution and the strategy of the revolution, the Soviet leaders were the bosses.

Here are pertinent excerpts: "China has become a component of the Socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union."

"The entire Socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union, has grown in strength and closer unity with each passing day."

"In the past 10 years, the great unity of the Socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union, has made tremendous contributions to safe-guarding world peace."

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's recent disarmament proposal "clearly illustrates that the Socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union, is the strong pillar of peace."

"The Chinese people have always regarded it as their sac-

red international duty continuously to consolidate and develop the solidarity of the Socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union."

"Today the Socialist camp, headed by the Soviet Union, is more united and stronger than ever."

Red China will "promote the unity of the Socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union."

An the last line of the editorial: "Long live the great solidarity of Socialist countries headed by the Soviet Union!"

The Chinese Communists could hardly make their meaning clearer.

Our Contemporaries

From the University of Minnesota Daily: "Beer busts on the Mall are illegal, of course. For beer busts in other places, the Dean of Students now has a set of regulations."

"Greetings, Greek! After a short but blissful summer of parties and pinnings, engagements and elopements, the time has come to compress studies into our hell-packed schedule."

From the Los Angeles College Times' social column.

Headline from the University of Kansas Daily Kansan: "Fees Will Leave Bank Accounts Smaller."

An account of an AWS fashion show from the San Jose State Spartan Daily: "According to Linda Lucas, program chairman, various outfits will be modeled from sport clothes and bermudas to cocktail dresses. We are trying to follow the guide in 'Spartan from the Start' as to what campus coeds should wear," she said.

V.P. hopefuls too?

SALEM (AP)—Oregon "will become known as the political Cape Canaveral as a result of its unique free-for-all primary law," Gov. Mark Hatfield said.

He told a Republican workshop meeting, "More presidential candidates will sail into orbit from Oregon or fizzle at the launching pad than any other state in 1960."

No Arms London Police Policy

By HALE BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—"I think I speak for all my colleagues when I say we don't want to be armed," said Constable Norman Niblo of the City of London.

Constable Niblo also feels, despite a postwar growth of violence, the British public doesn't want its police to carry guns as a daily duty.

People will be hurt

"If we do, every petty little crook will start carrying a gun. People will be hurt," he said.

Constable Niblo, a 6-foot-2, heavy-bodied man—weight 18 stone or 252 pounds—has never used a gun in nearly a quarter century as a British policeman.

The big, good-natured, 46-year-old officer is here on a good will visit to the United States. His face and form are familiar to thousands of tourists who have visited his beat, the ancient, mile-square financial heart of the British Commonwealth.

"The traffic here is fantastic," said Niblo, after a sight of Times Square. The mid-London area he and some 700 other fellow officers patrol has fantastic traffic problems of its own. Its residential population at night is about 5,000 — its work day population rises to 750,000.

Studies his city

A student of the historical lore of his city and his craft, Niblo brought with him a number of souvenirs of police work in London a century ago. It was in this period that the police,

nicknamed "Charlies" during the reign of Charles II, came to be known as "Peelers" or "Bobbies," after Sir Robert Pell, pioneer of modern police systems.

The policeman of that time wore a high top hat and looked more like a society figure. He had no whistle. He carried a large wooden ratchet, which he whirled to summon aid. It made an infernal din. He also carried his own gas light, anchored to his belt.

Oddly, the truncheon of that day is longer and more slender, but less formidable, than the compact club Niblo carries in his daily duty, but says he has never had to use on a man in 24 years.

Vocal authority

A mild-speaking man, he has a quiet pride in his ability to handle ordinary police problems with the authority of his voice and hands. By this he means the usual thing—trouble at a bar, a minor disturbance of the peace.

Among the constable's rewards for keeping the peace is a boot allowance of three or four shillings—42 to 56 cents—a week. He also has available without cost to him the services of a chiropodist, although he has never had any major foot trouble himself.

"Violence is growing a bit in the metropolitan area, including attacks on police," he said regretfully when questioned. "Most of the increase is among young people."

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Miss Virginia Anderson's article (Oct. 9) is very interesting and amusing. However, I wonder what she means when she uses the word "sandskrit." Does she really mean Sanskrit? Perhaps "sandskrit" is the name of a new chemical element or a kind of sandwich-like food, I don't know.

Well, I think Webster is a very good "place" for us.

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