

Black studies department becomes reality at Reed

PORTLAND (CPS)—Reed College has always had a dual reputation.

Nationally it is known as one of the best, most liberal, and most innovative colleges in the country.

Locally it is known as a "pinko-beatnik haven." Long before Berkeley and Columbia became known for large populations of freaks and radicals Reed had plenty and still does.

Despite this reputation Reed had never had a student protest or seen much controversy about the school itself. It is a private school, and the citizens of Oregon are more worried about incidents on campuses like the University which are supported by tax funds. The students themselves always seemed more interested in off-campus social action than in campus protest.

Still, there has always been some dissatisfaction with education at Reed, at least among a minority of the students. At one student conference two years ago a Reed student, listening to students from other campuses talking about such education reform proposals as abolition of grades, independent study and smaller classes, said, "Reed has all that and still it's ready to blow up."

It took two years, but last month Reed came as close as it ever has to "blowing up." The issue was the same one that has caused upheavals on other campuses this year—black studies.

In late December the Black Student Union bar-

ricaded the second floor of the school's administration building, demanding that the faculty act immediately on a proposal they had submitted in November for a black studies department. There are 35 black students on the 1,125-student campus.

The sit-in itself was more symbolic than disruptive. Classes went on as usual. The administration made no attempt to remove the students. With access to the school's financial office blocked, the administration paid faculty members by co-signing loans for them until they could get back into the office. By the time the blockade ended eight days later, only a couple of students were manning the barricade.

Establishment of a black studies department itself was not a major problem. The faculty was quick to approve that. More crucial was the question of control. The BSU wanted autonomous control over the department, which the faculty and administration refused to grant.

After eight days of negotiation a compromise was reached. The department was set up with its director responsible directly to President Victor Rosenblum. The BSU would "assist in the selection of the first director," who would select the faculty.

Although they had won only autonomy and not BSU control, the students declared a victory and announced they were "going off-campus to have a party."

Muddy, murky millrace revered in campus life

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EEEEK—SPLASH !! And another fraternity feud or sorority squabble is resolved in the familiar Millrace.

Providing storm drainage for the city of Eugene, it is approximately 12 feet deep "with about 10 feet of sludge," stated one student well acquainted with the stream's content.

Long holding an esteemed position in campus life, the Millrace in recent years has been labeled contaminated. Every spring the health department analyzes the water and upon finding certain strains of bacteria, erects signs stating "This water unsafe for drinking or swimming." Every year the signs mysteriously disappear and life down on the old Millrace continues as before.

Old traditions

One of the University's oldest traditions, Canoe Fete, rests upon the Millrace. Begun in 1946, the annual May parade highlights Mothers' Weekend. First canoes and later large wooden barges carried floats created by campus living groups down the stream.

The parade climaxes the Millrace Olympics held during Junior Week, which includes a tug o' war and a general throw anyone-in free-for-all. The overall name "Canoe Fete" comes from one event of these Olympics: a canoe battle between members of living groups who try to dump the others into the dank, dark dampness.

Autumn feature

Autumn has a regularly scheduled feature centered around, or rather, over the Millrace. The Homecoming tug o' war usually finds numerous chilly filthy creatures splashing into and out of the slimy water.

Aside from its social impor-

tance, the Millrace provides the zoology and bacteriology departments with an invaluable source of specimens. Numerous species of protozoan, insect larvae and fresh water mollusks which abound in the murk often end up in cultures belonging to students of invertebrate zoology.

"We analyze the water every year in my Introduction to Bacteriology class," says Bayard McConnaughey, associate professor of biology, "and we never fail to find things." The water has not been extensively tested for pathogenic germs, though McConnaughey said he had no doubt some could be found.

'Not grade'

The problem of disease isn't particularly grave, he indicated, because "those type of germs have a hard time in cold water, besides trying to compete with other bacteria which are at home there."

"We always find eecoli, small intestinal bacteria, which means the presence of sewage," he said McConnaughey stated that the eecoli would probably not do so much damage if a person fell into the water. "However, I would not recommend drinking it," he said.

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Music auditions set

University students interested in auditioning for a musical scholarship within the areas of performance and composition, will be able to do so from 9 a.m.-12 noon, and from 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, in the School of Music Recital Hall.

Applications for scholarships should be received by the School of Music by Wednesday.

High school seniors will be auditioning from 9 a.m.-12 noon, and from 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, in the recital hall. Seniors from northeastern Oregon may audition during the same hours, Feb. 15, in the Pendleton High School auditorium.

Tape recordings will be accepted in the instance that personal appearance is not possible due to travel difficulties.

Financial aids, including several scholarships ranging from \$90-\$250, several grants-in-aid of variable amounts, eight performing assistantships up to \$500, 31 work-study positions, part-time jobs in the school and special loans for music students, will be offered to audition winners.

Forms and further information may be obtained by writing or contacting the dean of the School of Music.

SF State speaker talks Wednesday

The ASUO Speakers and Debates Committee and the University chapter of SDS plan to sponsor a speaker from San Francisco State College to talk about the student strike there, according to SDS's Don Fitz.

The speaker, Pat Fisch, is an SDS member from the Bay area. Fitz said she will attempt to explain the nature of demands made by the Third World Liberation Front and Black Student Union in the current SFSC upheaval.

The talk is slated for 8 p.m. Wednesday. The final location will be posted.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All meetings held in the Student Union unless otherwise indicated.

MONDAY

- 8:00—EEII Committee
- 12:00 Noon—Bureau of Governmental Research Services Staff Mtg.
- Y-Student Faculty Dialogue — Faculty Club
- 12:30—ASUO Cabinet
- Experienced Teacher Fellowship Group
- 4:30—IEC Executive Meeting
- 6:30—Orides Business Meeting — Gerlinger 1st Floor
- 7:30—Folk Dance—Gerlinger

TUESDAY

- 8:00—HEP Staff Meeting
- 9:00—Law & Order & Social Change Titus
- 11:30—YMCA Board Committee— Faculty Club
- 12:00 Noon—University Theatre Staff
- OSEA Chapter No. 88 Advisory Council—Faculty Club
- 12:30—Student Faculty Committee Law School Sierra Club

TUESDAY

- 2:00—OSEA
- 8:00—Varsity Basketball: University of Portland—Portland
- E-UMA Concert: Mary Costa— Mac Court
- World Around Us: Portraits of Portugal by Mildred Capro— 150 Science

WEDNESDAY

- Colloquium on the Japanese City Jan. 15-17—Art Museum
- 11:30—Asian Studies Discussion
- 11:45—Journalism Faculty Meeting—Faculty Club
- 12:30—Geography Staff Meeting — Faculty Club
- Int'l Law Club
- 1:00—HEP Mass Meeting
- 3:00—HEP Teachers Meeting
- 5:30—Panhellenic Council India Student Association
- 6:30—IFC Meeting
- 7:00—Kurosawa's YoJIMBO East Asian Society Movie—150 Science
- Duplicate Bridge—Faculty Club
- 7:30—Webfoot Skydivers Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00—Colloquium on the Japanese City Reception—Art Museum Library
- 9:00—College Life—Sigma Phi Epsilon

THURSDAY

- 11:45—Dean Search Committee — Faculty Club
- 12:00 Noon—Education Foundations—Faculty Club
- Librarianship Faculty—Faculty Club
- 4:30—David Barry Romance Languages Lecture
- 5:00—Co-Op Board Meeting
- 6:30—Baptist Student Union Chess Club
- Documentary Film: "Four Days" also 9:15 Showing—150 Science
- 8:00—Eugene Home Economists —306 Chapman Hall

FRIDAY

- 11:45—Dean Search Committee School of Journalism—Faculty Club
- 12:00 Noon—Programs Available for the Social Scientists at the Computing Center
- Sociology Forum Lecture

FRIDAY

- HEP Teachers—Group Leaders
- 4:00—Chemistry Departmental Seminar—Dr. Reinhard Hoffmann—123 Science
- 7:00—Varsity Swimming: Arden Hills—Leighton Pool
- 7:30—Eugene Natural History Society—150 Science

SATURDAY

- Oregon Senior Association Championships Swimming, Jan. 18-19 — Leighton Pool
- 4:00—Walk for Development
- 7:30—Varsity Wrestling: Oregon State University—Mac Court
- 8:00—Varsity Basketball: Washington State University—Pullman

SUNDAY

- 2:00—Athletic Department Bowling
- 2:30 & 8:30—Feature Film: "Hard Day's Night"
- 2:30—Pi Lambda Theta Reception

All items must be turned in to M101 of the EMU by 9 a.m. Thursday to be included in this calendar.

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