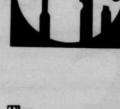
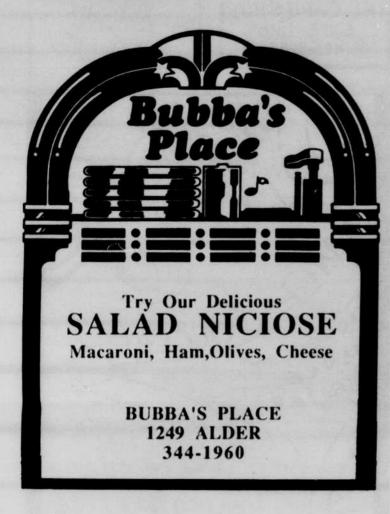
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## Fete's history goes back to WWI

By Sheri Metzler Emerald Contributor

The Canoe Fete, an annual parade of decorated canoes on the Millrace that will be launched once again this weekend, has had a long history at the University.

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In 1910, the annual Women's Edition of the Oregon Daily Emerald published a suggestion for a canoe festival on the Millrace. The next spring, the idea was presented to the city. However, the first Fete was not held until 1915 because of rain.

Don Orput, a junior in 1915, masterminded a "Venetian Water Fete" as part of Junior Weekend. Under Orput's plan, each student organization would enter a decorated cause in the contest and he judged on its pageantry.

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No less than 2,000 spectators watched the first Canoe Fete from the banks of the Millrace.

The winning float, built by the Alpha Tau

The winning float, built by the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, represented the German submarine U-29, which corresponded with World War I raging in Europe. It fired blank cartridges under the water while it sailed down the Millrace, according to the "History of the Millrace," a book in University Archives.

According to the book, the Millrace was decorated with colored lights placed beneath the water for the 1921 Fete, and the floats were followed by spotlights. The next spring, bleachers were constructed for the spectators.

The number of floats grew so large that living organizations were paired to cut down the length of the Fete. The Pi Beta Phi sorority and Phi Sigma Pi fraternity collaborated on the first winning float built by a pair.

According to "Floating Fantasies: A History of the Canoe Fete 1910-1970" by Walter J. Wentz, themes for the Canoe Fete began in 1928

Because of the uniqueness of the event. NBC began broadcasting it coast-to-coast in the late 1930s. In addition, Hollywood celebrities were solicited to judge the entries.

The Fete was temporarily canceled in 1941 when a flood wiped out the buffer dam that brought water into the Millrace from the Willamette River.

Without the Millrace, the Canoe Fete took to the streets until the mid-1950s, when pumps were put into the Millrace to feed water back into it.

The event continued to be held every spring on junior Weekend until 1970, when anti-war sentiment swept the campus. It returned to the University in 1975 as a daytime event, which it has been since.

This year's Canoe Fete celebration, titled "Holiday Soiree," will the finale of the Mayfest celebration on Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

As in previous years, floats will be decorated to represent different holidays from around the world.

Mayfest committee head Chris Mitchell said this year's theme will bring diversity to the Fete.

"It's something that will allow for all the floats to be different," he said.

Trophies will be presented to the top three floats, and monetary prizes from local merchants also will be awarded.

## Animal rights group meets today

MEETINGS

Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals meets today at 4 p.m. in the EMU Board Room, Room 337.

Phi Beta Kappa elects new officers today at 3:30 p.m. in

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the Graduate School Conference Room, Chapman Room 8.

MISCELLANEOUS

Foreign Students Organization

will hold the elections for its 1989/90 director at the EMU International Lounge at 5 p.m. today. All foreign students are encouraged to attend.

Oregon Special Olympics needs volunteers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Hayward Field for the 20th Annual Special Olympic Games. Students can show up at the volunteer tent at the southwest corner of Hayward Field. Time schedule is flexible, but morning volunteers are especially needed.

The Great Chip Off is today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the history department office, first floor of PLC. Come and vote for your favorite chocolate chip goodie at the History Graduate Students' Annual Book and Bake Sale.

Doubles volleyball tournament is Saturday at Skinner Butte Park. Any combination of men and women is eligible. Sponsored by the men's volleyball team. Call 484-2234 or 343-3009 for more information.



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