

*Crew*

## Outing Club Paddles in Mud, River to Find New Race Route

The Outing Club, led by history instructor William P. Garrison, set out to explore the possible water route of the annual Culver canoe race last Saturday. Garrison was looking for a way to have the April race begin at the Academy on Aubeenaubee Bay.

The idea of having the race start at the Academy was abandoned when the group discovered that they had to negotiate their way through marsh and muck for over a mile. In one incident Mr. Garrison got out of his canoe to lighten it and sank up to his waist in the muck.

In trying to avoid part of the swamp, a few cadet crews crossed a cow pasture. The cadets launched their canoes into the "ditch" just as the cows began to charge.

The "ditch" provided the most difficult traveling of the trip. In most places the water was only deep enough to float a canoe with one person. One man paddled the canoe while the other had to fight his way through brambles on the shore.

Very frequently the canoeists came upon log jams and barbed wire fences across the "ditch". Garrison's son, Matt, found this part of the trip challenging in the kayak which he took.

Mr. Garrison is nationally known for his expeditions. In

1963 he led a group of 15 hikers in the middle of February over the 200-mile George Rogers Clark trail.

Many newspapers, magazines and radio and TV stations carried stories about the unusual trek. Mr. Garrison has sponsored two Culver canoe races in the past two years which attracted canoeists from the U.S. and Canada.

*Violetta  
Nov. 19, 1965*



October 15, 1965

Memorandum to: General Spivey

Subject: Outing Club Exploration

As David Breech discussed with you recently, we want to explore the possibility of starting next year's spring canoe race (greatest canoe race in Indiana) here on our own beach.

To make sure that this will be practical we want to take a small group and go over the course on the 13th and 14th of November, 1965.

We will start at 0700 on Saturday the 13th, paddle around the west side of the lake, through the outlet to the Tippecanoe, and then to Beason Park. We will sleep and eat at Beason from where we will take the Catholics to church at Winamac and hold services for all others at the Park. We will return to U.M.A. in the afternoon.

We need to know how many cadets we can take so those going can bring warm clothes from home. I suggest twelve.

Sincerely,

William Garrison

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October 26, 1964

Memorandum to Mr. Garrison

I am concerned about the fact that the canoeists did not return in time for Closed C.Q. Sunday evening, October 25. In this situation it was apparently clear that they would be late even before the canoes entered the water for the race. Under these circumstances, I believe that they should not have continued with the race but should have returned home. It might have been wise to have telephoned me to secure my opinion in the matter. This may seem arbitrary, but it must be remembered that these boys not only missed an American Heritage class but were unprepared for their academic work today.

In certain circumstances where there was no alternative, I have excused a group from C.Q. for purposes similar to the event you had planned for these boys. In these situations there was pre-planning. The boys did not leave the campus until there was evidence satisfactory to me that all academic preparations for the following day were complete.

I trust that you will make every effort to have groups back to the campus on time in the future. We do appreciate the opportunities our boys have in the program you are offering them, but we must always recognize that these opportunities cannot interfere with their academic obligations.

E. B. Benson  
Dean of the Academy

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Dean Roberts & Dean Craig  
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