Looking Back

First UMOC contest was close

Editor's note: The first UMOC contest developed into a form which surprised the campus at the time, but which is now taken for granted, as can be seen in a series of articles in The Tech from November 1953 to January 1954.

UMOC wants you! Alpha Phi Omega's Ugly Man Contest begins next week on Monday, December 7. More candidates are needed in the contest for the title of UMOC Ugly Man. On Campus, send your nominating applications now to Harris Weinstein, Box 3143, before midnight Sunday, December 6.

A photo or sketch of the candidates should accompany each entry. Specific merits of the candidate, such as age, measurement, number of teeth, or angle and length of nose should also be included in these entries.

Candidates in Alpha Phi Omega's Ugly Man contest have shown an alarming tendency to actually want to win. The present third place contestant, Klaus Kubierschky '56, waisted his hoping ignorance, has made the APO booth in Building 10 his habitual haunt where he consistently brings tears (but no votes) to the eyes of the milling crowd of voters with his painful, toothless, cross-eyed grin.

A bitingly contested rivalry has sprung up between the Air Force and Army ROTC. Fighting for the Air Force is Robert Warshawer '54, known as "the guy who makes up the drills", while Major F. B. "A prince of a fellow" Moon represents the Army.

Warshawer's tactics consist of threatening the quivering cadets with longer and tougher drill periods if he fails to win. Probably drawing extensive training and experience at West Point, Major Moon has adopted the opposite tactics and is upholding his subordinates to vote for him with soft words, excusing drill periods if he fails to win.

With what amounted to an eleventh hour action, Bob Warshawer '54 was pushed ahead to first place in Alpha Phi Omega's Ugly Man contest in the closing minutes of the voting last Friday, December 11.

Early Friday morning, eight dollars worth of pennies were dumped in Warshawer's bottle, bringing him from a distant to a close second, and making him a dangerous competitor for first place candidate Major F. B. Moon. From then on the race was nip and tuck, reaching almost a dead heat in the hour before 5:30 pm, the contest's closing time.

Suddenly, at 5:29½, the crowd which had been gathering in front of the APO booth since 5:00 pm surged forward and began stuffing money into both candidates' ballot boxes. However, the crowded sentiment was with Warshawer and a five dollar bill found its way into his bottle during the crush.

This saturnalian voting put Warshawer way ahead in first place with 5058 votes. Major Moon came in a distant second with 4300 votes, while Klaus Kubierschky '56 ran third with 960 votes. The UMOC trophy will be presented to Warshawer by APO in the lobby of Building 10 at high noon on Wednesday, January 6, 1954.

About $122 was collected, which will be used to send ten Cambridge scouts to scout camp next summer.

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