

Dean Straub Harks Back to Misty Past For Beginning of Junior Week-End Fete

The beginning of Junior Week-end as an institution is lost in the far distance. Dean Straub says he can remember one of the celebrations back in 1896, so he can say that it began sometime before that. The Juniors at that time had only an affair called "Junior Day."

At this event they put up a flag on the pole in front of Villard and tried to keep the sophomores from taking it down. The pole has been removed for several years now and the flag idea was abandoned some eight years before that.

The present plan of constructive work came when P. L. Campbell was elected president of the University in 1901. The Juniors took down an old board fence that entirely surrounded the campus bounded by Eleventh and Thirteenth streets. They also took down an old shack on top of Skinner's Butte.

The class of 1906 spent the day in building the first section of the walk between Deady and Twelfth street. This work was continued by other classes until 1912 when it was completed. The

class of 1909 innovated the Junior Week-end, says Kenneth Moores, president of the class this year, up to that time the single day being observed.

The Junior class of 1908 built the "O" on top of Skinner's Butte and the '09 class painted it yellow, which ceremony has been continued every year during the week-end.

It was also the custom for a long time to hold a Junior Oratorical contest in Villard hall and a tennis tournament on the following Saturday morning.

EXPLAIN ALLURING SMILE

A very large percentage of the prints that are sold in art stores are copies of Mona Lisa. Why? Lillian Porter gives the answer.

"GIV-A ME DA MUN-A LIS-A"

All dingy art shops look the same. Cherubs peer out of their frames with dusty faces while archangels and ballet dancers glare at each other. Only one person seems undisturbed by the incongruity of her position and the buzzing of languid flies. She sits among rocks and sees the shop with weary eyelids.

Many people come into these shops. They gaze at the cherubs, finger the prints, touch the paintings to see if they are of oil, and make the archangels tremble lest their ears be tweaked. Then quite suddenly the stranger turns to the quiet yet disturbing woman on the wall, Mona Lisa always waits. She knows that hers is no rosebud beauty, yet she anticipates being rolled in paper and sent to adorn the walls of a home.

Established in a ney home, Mona Lisa sits upon the rocks and peers out when no one is looking at her. To mothers she seems to personify patience. To small boys and coquettish girls, she means all that is intolerably dull. To men she spicily suggests the vampire who smiles forever. Whatever the interpretation placed upon her strange, unfinished smile Mona Lisa gazes down upon the families and sucks up all their emotional experiences. She becomes something created by man's hand that lives on to smile at his futility.

In vain have art dealers sought to know this woman's power. All they can grasp is the many shekels that come in for prints of this picture. If the print is poor Mona Lisa smiles almost rakishly. What is her charm? Why are fifty per cent of the art copies sold ones of a woman with passive, empty hands?

Mona Lisa doesn't know. Once she heard a son of Italy cry, "Give me da Mun-a, Lis-a" while he snatched the pennies out of a girl's brown hand. Perhaps she thought it another indication

of her popularity. Sometimes a look appears in her eyes that seems to say, "Many people buy me because they have the 'Mun-a' and think they need a bit more culture." At any rate she always smiles!

CONFERENCE IS NEXT

Partial Program for Commonwealth Gathering Ready.

Dates Are May 17-19; Charles Cheney Principal Speaker; Subject Is City Planning.

The ninth annual Commonwealth conference will be held at the University of Oregon May 17-19, under the auspices of the department of economics and sociology at the University. Prof. F. G. Young, head of the department, will direct the conference here and Charles H. Cheney, secretary of the California Conference of City Planning May 7-8-9, will be the principal speaker in Eugene. W. D. Wheelwright, of the Peace Enforcement league will also take part in the conference in an effort to establish a center of the league in the University. The program of other speakers

has not been definitely given out yet but it is planned that the most vital issues now up to the Oregon people will be discussed by speakers qualified by study, service and public welfare interests in a way that will result in right and effective action.

Circular letters have been sent out by Professor Young to call to all the women's clubs and chambers of commerce in Oregon asking their attendance and co-operation at the conference. The subjects for discussion as outlined so far and which the conference hopes to promote are: Peace-Enforcement League settlement, uniform tax classification amendment, penitentiary building appropriation, labor mobilization, town and community planning in Oregon, the lumber industry in Oregon and liberal national forest policy. The whole note of the conference, according to Professor Young is to keep people informed of the necessity of keeping abreast of the times in maintaining an orderly growth for the state of Oregon.

Fifteen Northwestern athletes, including three captains, fell by the wayside in recent examinations, and are ineligible.

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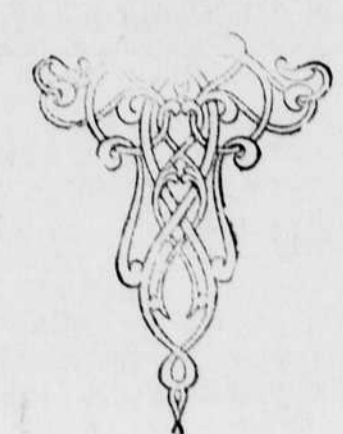
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