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How About Junior Week-End?

Junior Week-end, the "tyrant" which has driven many a junior class to distraction with its multitudinous cares and worries and which often resulted finally in bringing to the campus as students only a few of those entertained, is due for a "run-in".

Dean Dymont points out in another place in this issue of the Emerald that high school officials are complaining of the interruption which it occasions in the high schools of the state. He voices the opinion of higher education standards committee when he points out that Junior Week-end visitors get a wrong impression of the University through the over-emphasis on social life.

The issue is now squarely before the student body. It is generally recognized that many of those who come to the Junior Week-end festivities are not of the type which make the most desirable students. A great evil which has grown up is the "professional junior-week-ender," who comes year after year to be entertained without an idea of ever entering an institution of higher learning.

Those who were closest in touch with the recent high school student-body officials' conference believe that the type of activity carried out then is more worthwhile than the frivolous kind of program. Others would go so far as to eliminate Junior Week-end entirely.

On the other side of the question are those who feel that Junior Week-end is an advertising asset and a valuable addition to the social calendar of the year. The Junior class has its committee already appointed to take care of this year's events. They would doubtless deplore any far-reaching interference with present plans.

Yet the question is with us. The Emerald feels, as the standards committee felt, that a middle course might be taken. There is some value in Junior Week-end; but it has been carried too far. It isn't worth the effort now, in view of the fact that the visitors, no matter how worth-while they may be, have no chance really to see the University as it is.

This paper is a medium of expressing student opinion. The Emerald welcomes opinions on the subject. Those really interested in the best interests of the Oregon of the future should respond.

Dean Straub Speaks

Dr. John Straub, Oregon's Grand Old Man, spoke at a banquet the other night. He told the high school delegates what they should do when the time comes to get their higher education. He talked to them just as forcefully as he used to talk to the Oregon freshman. In truth Dean Straub is with us again.

It was a glorious sight to see the man Oregon loves and admires standing before the youth of the state and delivering such a spirited message.

It will be some time before Dean Straub can partake in our activities as fully as in former years, but his demonstration of his ever-present youth a few nights ago proves that the Oregon fight as typified in our Dean can never be downed.

Oregon Stickers

With track season looming in the distance we are reminded of Bill Hayward's old saying, "The man who sticks is bound to win out." As Bill says, "Track men are usually made; very few are born stars." It is the long months of training and

work-out that finally produces the men who write Oregon's name on the annals of Pacific coast sport history.

Such athletes as Walkley have been produced under careful training. That famous distance man didn't know what a pair of track shoes looked like before he entered the University.

It is the same in all lines of student activity and in the world at large. The plugger is more likely to succeed in most instances than the flash. Oregon needs more "stickers."

Campus Bulletin

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in this office by 5:30 on the day before it is to be published, and must be limited to 20 words.

Ad Club—Luncheon today noon at the Anchorage. Be there.

Allied Art League—Meeting in courtyard Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Junior Directorate—Meeting tonight in editorial hall of Journalism building at 7 p. m.

Wesley Club—Social hour, 5:30, open forum, 6:30, Sunday evening. Topic, "Race Problem and Christianity. James Stewart, leader, M. E. church.

Communications

Letters to the EMERALD from students and faculty members are welcomed, but must be signed and worded concisely. If it is desired, the writer's name will be kept out of print. It must be understood that the editor reserves the right to reject communications.

JUNIOR WEEK-END

To the Emerald: The writer, noting in today's Emerald a letter signed "Senior" which makes aspersions upon certain features of junior week-end, and which uses as its "news excuse" the fact that the higher education standards committee recently passed a resolution concerning junior week-ends in general, will now set down for the Emerald the circumstances and content of that resolution, since the type of junior week-end in the University is obviously becoming something of an issue among the students.

The higher education standards committee consists of one representative from each of the principal degree-granting institutions of Oregon, and in its meetings there are discussed many items of common interest in undergraduate education. The meeting at which the resolution was passed was held at the Portland Hotel last Saturday morning.

The item of junior week-end was not in the program, but came up accidentally. It was the representative of Oregon Agricultural College who raised the point. The committee, which seeks to keep higher education co-ordinated with high school education as far as it can, was discussing the relationship of the higher educational staffs with the high school executives, and as many high school executives were said to be discontented with the demands that junior week-ends made upon their students, a general discussion of junior week-ends then seemed in order. The various representatives present were inclined to indite junior week-end occasions on a number of scores.

As nearly as I can remember they made the following points: That the purpose of the original junior week-end was to interest high school students in higher education, but that the original idea had been taken up by so many institutions that high school principals justly complained of the interruption in senior and even junior classes.

That whereas in the original junior week-end high school visitors were able to see the institution at work, now the occasions have perhaps become intense social functions during which the academic life and work are not seen at all.

That as a result parents of high school visitors often get an inaccur-

rate impression of the extent of social activity in university and college life.

Also that students are frequently driven away from an institution by junior week-end, with the result that the original purpose of the event is defeated altogether.

I think the various representatives also felt that fraternities and sororities did not find junior week-end of such benefit to them as a "rush occasion" as the expense and effort would seem to justify. However, as that factor was none of the committee's business it did not enter into the discussion.

There were other points in the case against junior week-ends as now conducted, but the resolution actually passed was very brief. It simply suggested that junior week-end might be modified or changed somehow to eliminate most of the evils cited; or possibly that it might be abolished altogether.

I personally agreed substantially with the indictment as made by the committee, but have long been reluctant to cry out against the growing evils of this traditional spring term event because I have regarded it as an event that was wholly run by the students, and have felt that any move for reform should come from the students themselves. Since the issue is made by the students themselves, however, I now feel freer to address the Emerald upon this subject.

COLIN DYMENT, January 16, 1924.

THE SENIOR BUST

The senior class of twenty-four ain't what it used to be before Oxforditis hit this dump and busts and hoodlums took a slump. Exponents of the festive brawl, who used to wreck the hall; purveyors of the merry bust, you're shot to pieces and the rust has gotten into all your hinges. Rheumatism and painful twinges may have caused your late decision, but you'll have to face derision from the bunch from twenty-three who came back again—like me.

Where's the rompin' rowdy gang that yelled and danced and whooped and sang and raised the roof of Hendrick's hall, or raided Springfield in the fall?

You poor misguided formal hounds—your inertia knows no bounds. Honest now, just what's the joke? When did you get parlor-broke? Who evolved that sad idea, and brought about such misery? Perhaps some tux possessing guy saw the formals flitting by, and thought he'd have no other chance to wear his silk-faced coat and pants. Some female's curiosity may have made her want to see if prexy Sayre in soap and fish would look like a flapper's wish. Perhaps the laundry needed kale and thought dress shirts would fill the pail. Whatever reason brought it on, it looks like all your pen is gone.

The cowboy's gone, the Indian died—and now the roughneck stands outside to watch the social lions snake about the floor in suits that make the owner look like a convention of pall-bearers. I hate to mention the effect on underclassmen—all this dog will leave them gaspin'.

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through, but take a tip or two. I'll bet my shirt when you're there you'll sneak outside and softly swear that cords are better than the tux and formal hops don't rate for shucks. A SENIOR.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Some High Points in Oregon Emerald of January 17, 1923

The University symphony orchestra, consisting of 27 members, will tour the Coos Bay region during the spring vacation.

The romance language department ranks first on the campus in the number of registered hours carried by the students.

Ralph D. Casey, who has returned from Astoria, reports that the University department of social service has taken charge of the relief work in the burned city.

Phil Janney, assistant professor of accounting in the school of business administration, has been notified that he has successfully passed the examination given to those who aspire to be certified public accountants, and that his certificate as such is now available.

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