

# Campus Ready for Junior Weekend: Oregans to Be Sent in Mail

An investigation is always a serious piece of business because it's a rare person who can stand one

By Marjorie Bush

When Junior weekend dawns on the Oregon campus May 6, it will be celebrating its 59th anniversary. With it will be revived the annual traditions of hellowing on Hellow walk, no smoking on the old campus, a new coat of yellow for the O on Skinner's butte, green ribbons for freshman girls, and those other time-honored activities of which any senior can tell you.

Sorority row and the dorms will be buzzing with the construction of floats and ideas on 1001 Nights, to the tune of the house song for the All-Campus sing. Order of the O men will be standing by to see that traditions are properly regarded, and if not to take the necessary action—spats for the boys and dunking for the girls. Of course there will be a beautiful queen to reign over the make-believe kingdom and lend its glamour, and proverbial Jupe Pluvius will be begged not to visit the U. of O. with showers May 6-8.

How and when did all these traditions begin? After digging through ancient Emerald files, it appears that 1890 was the year the forefather of Junior weekend was born. Then it was called Junior day. Following a program and speeches, the juniors attempted to raise their class flag over Villard. With the sophomore class valiantly trying to prevent this, the action got so rough, that in 1903 it was changed to a campus cleanup and construction day, with lunch served by the girls at noon. 1908 was the first year the event was called Junior weekend. In that year the O on Skinner's butte was made and high school students were special guests.

One of the favorite and outstanding parts of past Junior week-

ends was the canoe fete on the millrace. First suggested in 1910, the original fete was not held until 1915. The first queen of the fete was chosen in 1916 and finally in 1931 she became queen of both the fete and the prom. By that year Junior weekend had evolved into its present form. Mothers' day was combined with it and special activities were planned for visiting mothers.

The canoe fete became more elaborate each year. The "canoes" had really become floats, carrying out a theme such as "Melody in Spring," 1935, "Springtime in Vienna," 1940, and "Arabian Nights," 1941. The war and cancellation of the canoe fete due to a ruined millrace wall came to the Oregon campus in the same year. The fete made a short-lived return in 1944, but since then has not been held. In its place, the former canoes took to wheels and the float parade was the result.

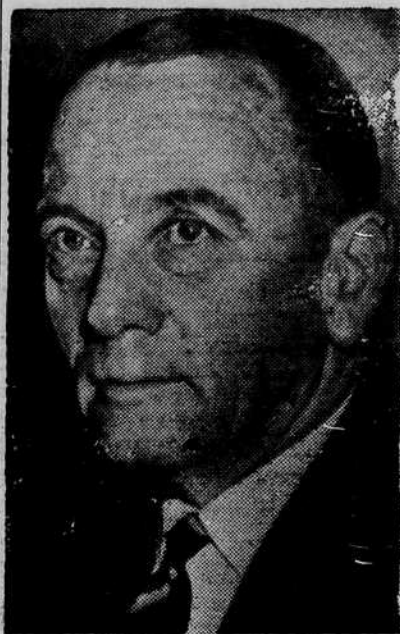
With the theme, "Gay Nineties," two years ago, Les Brown and His Band of Renown, first name band here since the war, was brought for the program. There the theme was carried out with the can-can girls and a huge Diamond Horseshoe. Floats in the parade followed the line of the "Brewery," and "By the Sea."

Last year's "Storybook Wonderland" featured "Cinderella's Ball" and such prize winning floats as Susan Campbell and the Sig Ep's first-place "Hansel and Gretel." Queen was Nancy Swem, who was crowned by Governor John Hall. The 1948 Junior weekend made history, in that the sophomores, for the first time, won the annual tug-of-war with the freshmen.

All these are only a few of the activities of Junior weekend. There are ball games, the all-campus

sing, the Sunlight Serenade, the terrace dance, campus picnic, and more. Even in 1910 they were saying "this year's Junior weekend will set a record" and that still goes for 1949!

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"We are all sorry that this might have to be done, but none of us has any control over the labor situation in Portland," Williams commented.

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