



For Mother...

What's in store for them this weekend? A special article on past and present weekends appears on page—

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Freshman-Sophomore Battle Line



ONE TRADITION THAT HIGHLIGHTS Junior Weekend is the freshmen-sophomore tug-of-war. The battle usually takes place on the banks of the millrace, but here the two classes go to it in a man-made mud hole that is taking the place of the dried-up millrace. Freshmen may discard green rooter's lids for the remainder of the year if they succeed in pulling the sophomores in.

Tuition Once Unheard of at Oregon; Board and Room Available for \$20

By Bob Thalhofer

"There is no tuition at the University of Oregon."

At least there wasn't any tuition at Oregon back in the days (1918) when that statement was printed in the University catalog.

Not only was there no tuition charge during those post bellum-World War I days—but a "substantially correct estimate" of board and room costs listed them as ranging from \$20 to \$30 per month. Even a liberal spender could get by on \$607 for the entire school year, including \$312 allowed for sundries.

Today's Cost Contrasted

Contrast those charges of 32 years ago with the high costs confronting the college student at the University today.

Today the board and room rates alone (\$161 per term for a multiple room in the most economical-type dormitory) more than equal the total necessary expenditures of the student of three decades ago. On top of that is the \$44 per term tuition charge (non-residents pay \$94), books and supply expenses, and incidentals.

The 1950-51 catalog gives what must be considered a conservative estimate of \$755 for necessary expenditures during an academic year. And that figure doesn't even begin to take into account the fact that college life, now as always at Oregon, doesn't revolve entirely around the classroom. Such things as spring term do much to upset

the student's financial figuring.

In 1933-34, when the new deal and its Blue Eagle were trying to pull the country from the depths of the depression, double rooms in University dorms were going for \$26 a month with board. In those gloom-filled years Friendly Hall—the oldest of the campus dorms now converted to classrooms—and John Straub's six units offered shelter for the male student. Girls could get rooms in Hendricks and Susan Campbell Halls.

Off-Campus Living

Room and board in private residences during the depression was to be had for as little as \$15 with the maximum set at \$40.

The University business office in 1933 was no longer able to greet the prospective student with the cheering catalog statement regarding a lack of tuition. By then resident students were paying \$96 and non-resident scholars an additional \$54, or a \$150 total for the year.

Without reflecting upon the economic circumstances that produced the increased prices (wages were also advancing by leaps and

bounds), the student of 1940 might well feel that costs were getting a little out of line. He was paying \$23 a month just for board and if he wanted a roof over his head that cost him \$33 more per term.

Tuition, too, was on the upswing, especially in the case of the out-of-staters who were laying it on the line to the tune of \$222 per academic annum. Oregonians were getting off easy with a \$102 payment.

As late as 1941 private rooms off campus were renting for a mere \$5 to \$10 per month. Rest assured that the price didn't include board.

May Go Higher

Recent discussions in the Legislature at Salem have indicated that University students of future years may be paying as much as 25 per cent more for their education than they are paying at present. Because most students—or their parents—will be paying their own way through school (most G.I. benefits will have been expended) the future doesn't look bright for the student's pocketbook.

Weekend Schedule

Today:

9 a.m. Mothers' Breakfast and Business Meeting, SU Ballroom
10 a.m. Painting of "O" and Scrubbing of Seal, Skinner's Butte, SU

11:45 a.m. All-Campus Luncheon, Old Campus
2 to 4:30 p.m. Mothers Tea, Alumni Hall, Gerlinger
4 p.m. Float Parade starts downtown, Willamette St.
4:20 p.m. Float Parade arrives on campus, Campus St.
6 p.m. Dinner with sons and daughter, Living groups or elsewhere

9 p.m. Junior Prom, SU Ballroom

Sunday:

9 a.m. Mothers State Board of Directors Breakfast, Faculty Club
11 a.m. Church, Eugene churches
1 p.m. Dinner with sons and daughters, Living groups or elsewhere
3 p.m. Sunlight Serenade, Music School Open-Air Auditorium

61 Years Behind
Weekend Reveal
Colorful History

By Charlotte Alexander

There's always lots of activity at Junior Weekend, and 1951's in the setting of "Far Away Places," promises to be the best. Junior Weekend is probably the oldest of all weekend traditions, having first been established in 1890.

In this year, 1890, we find Junior Weekend being called the Junior Exhibitions. The occasion was highlighted by presentation of a music and an oratorical contest which was held in Villard Hall. The juniors soon conceived the idea of adopting a flag of junior colors with the class numerals upon it. This flag was hidden until Junior Day, and then it was flown from a window in the northwest tower of Villard Hall. The only struggle involved was centered around the class attempt to fly the banner and show the sophomores their lowly status.

Junior Exhibitions had a tendency to interfere with studies. It was reported that not even half of the student body attended classes. President Campbell decided that Junior Exhibitions should be a real holiday and composed of constructive work. Instead of painting class signs on buildings, demolishing property, and tormenting each other, projects were distributed of considerable more worth.

'Class Day' Preceded

This scheme was inaugurated in 1903 and they called it Class Day. It seems like the majority of work lay in the hands of the men. Such projects as making paths, paving walks, building and repairing buildings, and dredging the Millrace were carved out.

The women's part was truly domestic, for they put on the all campus dinner, which we could say is comparable to our all campus picnic. This dinner was served between Friendly and McClure. After the men were supplied with food they displayed their talent by forming a serpentine also showed their yelling ability. The inscription "University Day," is on several of the walks which surround Deady Hall. These tend to point out the evidence of origin of Junior Weekend.

Painting of 'O' Begins

In 1908, the painting of the "O" on Skinner's Butte came into vogue. This became a Junior class task, but the freshmen seemed to do all the work while Juniors supervised. This tradition is still going on and the "O" is certainly an important landmark to the city of Eugene, the University, and Oregon State students who like to daub it with their own colors.

In 1911, the first canoe carnival was held. James Mott, past congressman from Oregon, was guest speaker and Ruth Gibson was queen. Being typical Oregon weather however, and wind stopped the activity of the weekend.

After 1913, canoe fete became a traditional part of the weekend. The first floats to go cruising down the Millrace were canoes decorated with streamers, lights, and flowers. Then several canoes were lashed together only to be replaced by the pre-war barge type float. In the barge type of float brave swimmers used to have to float in the icy waters and pull the floats.

1937 Fete Reviewed

On one such weekend there was a float entitled, "Statute of Liberty." They started out gracefully floating down the race, but the tide got the best of the swimmers guiding it. Keeping in mind that the show must go on, the Statute of Liberty did a swan dive in front of the grandstand filled with spectators.

In 1937, the Alpha Chi Omegas and the Phi Sigma Kappas depicted Kathleen Mavournee. They took second although the mule which was riding on their float jumped into the Millrace. The mule probably felt he didn't have to keep the show going.

With the Millrace back, there are those who harbor hopes for the return of the canoe fete. Tentative plans have been made as to the possibility of setting up bleachers around the area of the anchorage.

Turning from the canoe fete, lets look at the tug-of-war. The tug of war between the freshmen and sophomores usually tends to be quite a muddy affair.

In 1942, it was suggested that the tug-of-war was quite a strenuous game, and why not change over to pushball. But this harmless game resulted in broken bones and bruises, and proved to be worse than tug-of-war. In 1949, the sophomores won over the freshmen for the first time in unwritten records. This battle took place in Fiji alley.

From Millrace to Truck

Mardi Gras weekend in 1946 brought the floats from the Millrace to trucks, which wound around the streets of Eugene. The theme "Of Thee I Sing" in 1946 showed that the most famous tradition on campus could triumph over war, a dry millrace, and threatening skies. A red, white, and blue color combination was carried out.

In preparation for the Gay Nineties Weekend, humor played an important part in the selection of queen candidates. The Phi Psi's livened up the campaign by entering their mascot Snowbelle. Snowbelle was so popular about campus that she received the third highest vote. She must have undoubtedly appealed to the judges' eye.

Along with different theme ideas each year have come also the introduction of new activities into the weekend. Such things as the All Campus Sing, the Terrace Dance, Sunlight Serenade, and Mothers Luncheon, have gone into the make-up of Junior Weekend.

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