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A Great Success

Congratulations, University of Oregon. The hard work, the fun, the excitement is over for another year. Junior Weekend was again a tremendous climax to a year at Oregon.

They call it Junior Weekend and, of course, the junior class does put a lot of time and work in to its sponsorship. But this last weekend was truly our entire campus on display—at its best.

The parade, as is tradition, was one of the state's finest. The floats were fitting testimony to all the hours of work and planning put into them by living organizations. Queen Janet and her court, at their most dignified, prettiest, and most royal, were fitting representatives of beauty on the Oregon campus.

For any of you that missed the Mother's tea Saturday afternoon, we'd just like to mention the beautiful job done on decorations carrying out the international theme of the event. Pretty girls in costumes from around the world serving tea, coffee and punch also added to the cosmopolitan effect.

Of course, the honored guests of the weekend, Oregon mothers, must have been a little confused, occasionally neglected for floats or proms, and happily worn out and tired when the whole thing was over and time for going home rolled around. But has there ever been a Mother's Weekend and Junior Weekend when wasn't the state of our guests and ourselves by Sunday evening?

By late Sunday afternoon, the campus had quieted down. Scraps of paper and a half-dismantled stage on the old campus were all that remained as testimony to Saturday's festivities. Mud and murky water around Fenton pool testified to the spirit and enthusiasm which had earlier witnessed the dunking of all tradition violators.

Fenton pool, incidentally, was the scene of more spirit, if a trifle misdirected, then we've seen at Oregon in a long time. Anyone even approaching the pool Thursday afternoon, especially the feminine gender, got dunked with loud shouts and great enthusiasm. Most of the freshman girls were rewarded for cleaning up the campus with a dunk in the green waters of the pool—by traitorous frosh men.

And all we can now say, as Junior Weekend 1954 fades into history is—it was the best ever. Congratulations to the class of 1955; congratulations to the winners of honors and scholarships and trophies this past weekend; congratulations, Oregon.

Now, Oregon can go back to the books and a semblance of peace and quiet for the remaining four weeks of this term. The weekend was a great success.

'PAINFULLY PROMINENT ...'

UO Remembers Neuberger

by LaVaun Maier
Emerald Feature Writer

The name Richard L. Neuberger has become very prominent in the Pacific Northwest during the last few years—both as a national writer and as an outspoken Democrat in predominantly Republican Oregon.

Few realize, however, that about 20 years ago the name Richard L. Neuberger was quite "painfully prominent" on the Oregon campus.

We won't say he was unpopular—but you can draw your own conclusions from this article that ran headlined on the front page of the April 20, 1934 Emerald:

Wins Scholarship

"Richard L. Neuberger, former editor of the Emerald, found himself the unwilling recipient of a 'scholarship' to 'some distant eastern college,' under the provisions of a resolution unanimously passed at the student assembly yesterday.

"The broad gibe was carried out to the extent that two students stationed at two vantage points on the campus rang bells and solicited contributions to the scholarship fund.

"The move was sponsored supposedly because of Neuberger's series of attacks over a period of two years on ASUO government. The resolution was seconded by a score of persons."

Always Right

This student-sponsored resolution read in part as follows:

"Whereas since entering the University of Oregon, this man (Neuberger) has been one, who with conviction that his causes were always right despite overwhelming opinion against him, has continually been the champion of his own effort to bring all possible change to a system of student government . . . that has proved satisfactory to 99.44 per cent of those students paying for its benefits . . .

"Whereas, we students of Oregon feel that the University of

Oregon would derive more benefit from his activities if carried on at some distant school . . ."

And on to propose the "scholarship" fund.

Neuberger was quoted as saying he was honored by the offer, but felt the money should be given to some more needy person.

Hot Edits

"Always a militant liberal, seeking reform in the best interests of the University, Mr. Neuberger has become a modern Don Quixote on a crusade."

In an editorial titled "Don Neuberger, Ace Politician" these choice remarks were made:

"Hohum, the fight against the windmills goes on. Don Quixote Neuberger's delicate sensibilities have been hurt . . . spurred by a persecution complex and a lust for martyrhood . . . etc."

Neuberger employed the letters to the editor section to reply in kind. In one letter he comments on the Emerald editorial policy. "I also have been interested in a rapid succession of editorials criticizing Huey Long. Huey is 3,000 miles away, so that ought to be a pretty safe subject for the Emerald."

Militant Editor

What brought on this unpleasant popularity? Taking a look at the Emerald of 1932-33, when Dick Neuberger was the "militant editor," we get a partial idea.

To be sure, he started off quietly enough with this statement of editorial policy:

"The Emerald will be conservative in whatever it does. Radical opinions and bolshevik tendencies will have place in neither its news nor editorial columns."

Voters Buttonholed

The next issue came out with the banner story "Freshman Election Body Unconstitutional." "Investigation (by Emerald) . . . results in expose." The story pointed out that the freshman election board appointed by the student body

president was illegal because the authorizing amendment had not been passed by a two-thirds majority.

On Oct. 13 Neuberger described the "buttonholing" of voters at the polls in the frosh elections. "What's the matter with politics on this campus?" he inquires.

A few issues later he questions the worth of honoraries, then launches into an attack of ASUO government for spending \$1,000 to put on two free dances. His acid comment, "One thousand dollars to the musician and confetti maker."

"Surely the interests of education are sadly foiled when such a considerable sum is spent on a few hours of idle amusement. A faded rose, a moonlit waltz, one kiss, and the dance is over. And so is \$475. (And sometimes not the kiss.)"

He Fought

He advocated (and got) a director of athletics to replace the student committee; he fought the ASUO's attempt to cut the number of Emeralds from five to four. He suggested a system of student government which consisted of a faculty legislative body and a student advisory parliament.

On Feb. 1, he "revealed" that the athletic department was charging twice the original cost for lost clothing.

The following year he engaged in a debate in which he favored the continuance of the "optional" \$5-per-term fee for ASUO activities. This \$5 membership fee had to be solicited by the ASUO each term to continue operation and the continuance of it on this optional basis caused the student body president to predict "an immediate downfall of the entire plan of student government."

So it isn't difficult to see the motivation behind the 'scholarship' fund to send Neuberger to a "distant Eastern college."



Seniors!

Who will become alumni of the University of Oregon on Sunday, June 13, 1954.

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