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Our Perennial Problem

Recently, in the February issue of The Atlantic, we ran across another one of those articles on "the illiterate graduates" of our public schools.

Oliver La Farge, Pulitzer Prize winning novelist and anthropologist, takes the inferior public schools to task for turning out graduates who can't spell or who possess an inferior vocabulary, in his article, "We Need Private Schools."

Certainly, Mr. La Farge is, to some extent, correct in his criticism of public schools and we have no quarrel with his argument that private schools are a right of a democratic people who spend their money for the quality of any item, even education, which they desire.

We agree that there are places in which the public school system is failing to meet the needs of this nation. But we don't feel we need private schools as much as we need public-spirited, well-educated individuals in the communities throughout this nation, willing to express some interest in the quality of education which the public school is dishing out.

Education is certainly the concern of the majority of this University's population. And we think this recurring criticism of the public school and American education is a problem which must be met by every individual now seeking what is known as "higher learning."

The community generally determines the scholastic standards of the primary and secondary school, and regional societies determine the quality of the state institutions of higher learning.

Being aware of the great gaps and deficiencies of our own 16 years of education in America's public school system, we cannot shrug off this perennial problem of education by rationalizing the capabilities of the human mind or shifting our responsibilities to the local school board.

The public school and its standards are our problem and they should be your problem. College students cannot limit concern for the public school to the specialized field of education.

If we have faith in public education for the entire population, then it must be up to those of us who are called educated to be the guardians of the public school system. Whatever city or community which we enter when we leave this campus, we must assume concern for spelling and the "three R's" as they are taught in the schools of that community.

As participants in education, we must be concerned with the benefits derived from mass education. Else we will find education being pulled down to the levels of the masses, rather than serving as a lever by which to raise society to some higher plane in the accomplishments of mankind.

What's Going On Here?



"It's me, Freda, I'm back with th' refreshments."

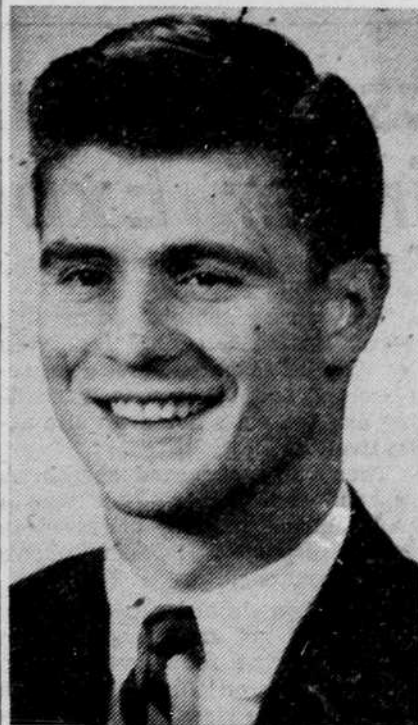
Junior Weekend Highlights Shown



CAMPBELL CLUB made it four straight when their float, entitled "Pomp and Circumstance," won this year's float parade. Kappa Alpha Theta helped the men with the creation. Gary Alden was the golden statue on the float. Campbell club has now won the float parade for four years in a row, retiring the rotating trophy last year.



WEEKEND QUEEN Janet Wick is shown just after President O. Meredith Wilson crowned her queen of the 64th annual Junior Weekend celebration. Princesses Alma Owen and Nancy Murrow are shown in the background.



KOYLE CUP winner this year was Bob Summers, student body president-elect. The cup is given each year to the outstanding junior man. Dorothy Kopp, was given the Gerlinger cup as the outstanding junior woman. Both of the awards were made at the Junior Prom. Other awards made during the weekend included the Maurice Herald Hunter Leadership award to Len Calvert; the William Frager scholarship to Gordon Rice; the Delta Delta Delta scholarships to Dorothy Her and Carol Wood.

Sophomore Named Smoking Champion

Jim Sozoff, sophomore in liberal arts, has been named "Central Oregon's Pipe Smoking Champion" by winning the pipe smoking contest at Maddox's Smoke shop Saturday.

Sozoff was able to keep 15 grams lit continuously for 32 minutes, 33.5 seconds. The contest ran from May 1 through 15. Second place winner was George Bevers, 1420 E. 20 ave. His time was 32 minutes, 24.2 seconds.

The third place winner in the contest was also a University student. He is Ingemar Stromberg, freshman in liberal arts. His time was 28 minutes, 35.9 seconds.

Political Parties To Elect Officers

Both campus political parties will meet today to elect officers for the coming school year.

United Independent Students will meet at 4 p. m. in the Student Union, according to Hollis Ransom, president. In addition to the election, the group will hear a report of the election committee.

Associated Greek Students will meet at 4 p. m. at Kappa Alpha Theta to elect officers, according to Bob Glass, president.

Phi Mu Alpha Lists Four New Pledges

The local chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, men's music honorary, has pledged four music students.

They are: Basil Signor, graduate student; Nick Bussard, graduate assistant, and Ronald Spicer and Gary Donnell, both freshmen.

Religious Group Continues Series

Inter-Varsity Christian fellowship will continue its series of discussions on "I'm a Christian—now what?" tonight at 7 p. m. in Gerlinger 301.

The group will climax its meetings for the school year on Tuesday, May 25, with a picnic-meeting at Harlow Lodge. A weiner roast will be held on the lodge grounds at 6 p. m. followed by a brief worship-discussion period.



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