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I'M A DUMMY — WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE

On Feb. 16 the student body of Ashland High was entertained by Glenn Haywood and his partner "Freshie."

Jerry introduced Mr. Haywood and soon the building resounded to the wild laughter of teenagers. After showing many tricks of magic, with cards, ropes, and scarves, Glenn Haywood Sr., his father, then brought out "Freshie" from his suitcase. "Freshie" is nothing more than a dummy, but he seemed very alive through the excellent ventriloquism from Mr. Haywood. Shirley Jackson and Don Barr were called upon to help with a few tricks, but both left the scene more or less confused. Jerry also received quite a bit of recognition from "Freshie" who seemed to have a strange dislike for his face.

Mr. Haywood has appeared on radio and television in cities from coast to coast and has guest starred with Peggy Lee, Herb Shriner, and other great stars.

For three years, he had his own television show, called "The Comedy Hour." He has also been to Japan where he gave U.S.O. shows for the entertainment of our G.I.s at Rest Camps.

Mr. Haywood and "Freshie" are now sponsored by the National School Assemblies Agency, giving educational entertainment.

"Freshie's" philosophy of life is "I'm a Dummy; what's your excuse?"

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BILL PASSED TO LENGTHEN SCHOOL YEAR

A bill requiring school to be held twelve months instead of the customary nine months was passed by the State Legislature, Thursday, March 29, 1956.

The votes of the representatives were strongly influenced by a lobbying group from Ashland Senior High school. The group, headed by Jerry Miller and Mary Ann Anderson, presented some very strong arguments for the passage of the bill. The lobbyists stated that students feel that education of European students is far superior to ours and that America will soon be left behind if they don't hurry up and do something. It was also stated that the students just waste their summer vacations and get in their parent's way instead of doing something worthwhile.

This bill means that the seniors will have to remain in school for an extra three months and will graduate next fall. The Ashland seniors are overjoyed with the passing of this bill and are enthusiastically planning their post-graduate course because they know the value of a good education.

Some of the other students who reported to have been very active in the lobbying group were Bill Bebbler, Jim Busch, Donna Bibeau, Stuart Baker and Ken Dye.

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On top of our ivy-colored AHS building fleets of Martian saucers came swooping in for a be-bop landing. Now, it has often been thought that Martians are a rather homely species, but to the contrary, they are quite handsome fellows. As they revealed themselves from their saucers, many whoops and hollers were sent out from Martian lungs as they discovered that Grizzly students were equally as intelligent and striking in appearance as they themselves.

They were quite pleased with this, because prior to their landing on ivy-colored A.H.S., they had slid in on slimy, slithering Medford High (The green, greasy tomatoes). Much to their disgust the Martians found Medford students quite ignorant (or shall we say, lacking in intellectual qualities) and to top it off, revoltingly sloppy in appearance.

They found principal Parks waiting with open arms in welcome. He quipped "I thought perhaps I could kidnap several to take to Bandon."

Champagne, caviar, and Ashland High Flag Girls were very well liked by the cosroosting Martians. But president Jerry Miller fascinated them with his charming face and intellectual but unintelligible vocabulary.

They were intrigued by the Klamath spectators, which were kidnaped at our last game and caged. One Martian was heard to say that they resembled Martian birds, referred to as glick-legobblergieks.

Ashland faculty were charmed by the creative, immoral, Martians. The only thing that seemed to bother them was the well-known Martian lip.

Medford High students, previously referred to as the greasy green tomatoes, are now greener, because the Martians, who are known to be the greatest football, basketball, and baseball players, are now on A.H.S. teams. An almost human Medfordite was quoted as saying "We expect another defeat like the one in 1899" (the score was 96-0, in favor of Ashland).

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FADS AND FASHIONS

The Medford and Ashland game brought some very beautiful and fashionable outfits out of mothballs and into the scene of the packed Ashland High gym containing 1,000,000 persons.

The varsity team came out on the floor dressed in their new suits of red flannel pegs and white dress shirts. They also wore their Howdy Doozy beanies that Mr. Parks tried so hard to get.

The first yell was led by the members of the yell squad. They were wearing their 1319 Bikini bathing suits that Randy Root had designed just for the occasion.

The most outstanding couple was Nancy Norbury and Bruce Everett. Nancy was wearing her latest import from Talent, Oregon. It was her strapless backless, waistless, wool evening gown. Bruce wore his lavender tuxedo and derby to match.

This outfit was designed by Marty Clary who is now spending most of her time at Salem.

Jane Yaple and Susan Weller wore outfits that they had made themselves. They had on a backless blouse made from white pipe-cleaners, and a skirt made from some poor horse's hair and on these skirts they had pinned the lifeless bodies of 20 butterflies. (The butterflies were furnished by Gene Parent.)

The two boys showing the most school spirit were Bob Wright and Mort Scripter. They wore their matching red and white space cadet outfits that had arrived straight from Mars via space ship.

At the half, Sherry Taylor and Louise Ward came in with their new Mohawk hair-do's. They were also wearing Dior's latest creations of black denim trousers and motorcycle boots.

That is all the news because Ashland just beat Medford 100-0. I bet it was because of the team's new outfits. Don't you?

The only time some people won't pass the buck is when there is a collection.

Popular Teacher Plans To Return

Miss Verna Wickham, Ashland's commercial, senior English, and journalism teacher has made the startling statement that she is returning to teach lovable Ashland students for the rest of her teaching years.

"After teaching the kids this year," stated Miss Wickham, "I can hardly wait to get back next year to help these responsive students, especially the journalism class. The little darlings this year were always so enthusiastic and willing to do things. They accomplished so much and gave me the least trouble of any of my classes."

From the little things Miss Wickham has said in her classes, we find that she feels Ashland High boys are the most respectful of any she has ever met that they are all so mannerly.

Not only is Miss Wickham going to return to teach here next year, but she has also stated that she plans to cut down on the work given to the English classes. Spelling words will be only 100 a week rather than the former 1,000; English assignments will be limited to only 15 a week (This year she gives at least 30).

Miss Wickham plans to let next year's journalism class have freedom, because she feels she has been entirely too strict with the little angels this year.

"If next year's journalism class can have half the equipment we had this year," said Miss Wickham "we will certainly be fortunate. Many journalism teachers have to steal orange crates and things I'm certainly glad I don't."

Miss Wickham loves our Oregon weather and whenever the school has a dance or party, she insists on being one of the chaperones, as she loves doing it. When hotrodgers go roaring by her room, she grins in fascination at the sound of the pipes. (She loves their mellow tone, especially Harold's).

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