

An Open Letter To Independent Students from ISA President Davis

Editor's Note: The Independent Students association has in the past concerned itself mainly with campus politics. This year things are going to be different, according to President Bob Davis. Service to independent students—not politics—will be stressed, he has told the Emerald. Since we feel the aim to be a worthy one we here print the text of a letter by Davis setting forth the association's plans for the year:

The Independent Student association is an organization to which all independent students may belong. This year it will begin to offer service in a threefold manner.

First, service to the school and student body. Last year this phase included co-operation with the administration in conducting survey on registration procedures, in representing dormitory students who would have been affected by the removal of free dorm phones, and in the presentation of the distribution and disposition of board and room fees. The ISA will continue to offer this form of service.

Second, an adequate social program has not existed in the past for independent students. This situation will be dealt with immediately. Our first function will be a card party at 7:30 Friday night in Gerlinger annex. We will hold a mixer dance in November. It will be designed to bring independents together for a good time, with every precaution taken to avoid the usual stag line atmosphere of mixer dances. We are working on a program of dances, card parties, square dance, bingo games, and other forms of group entertainment, such as skating, or skiing parties. We will hold an Independent's Day next Spring.

Third, the ISA will watch student politics very closely during the coming year. If the rights and privileges of the independent students are not sufficiently represented, we will enter the political arena to remedy the matter. The course of action will be determined democratically. We shall continue our fight for open, direct primary elections, in all political parties.

This year membership is on a personal basis. There will be two classes of membership, "general" and "participating". The ISA considers any student not affiliated with a local chapter of a fraternity or sorority as a general member. Each "participating" member will be issued an annual membership card with payment of the year's dues, twenty-five cents. This card will admit the "participating" member free to all social functions.

Our Senate will be re-apportioned in a manner to be determined by the Organizational Committee. We will offer more direct representation to all off-campus students. The I.S.A. this year is going to be more than a political party, it will be a service organization, working for the general welfare of all independent students. We will undertake any project which will better the conditions of the independent students, as determined by the Senate. We have studied the organizations which exist on other campuses; therefore we are certain that this program is one worthy of support. Mr. Donald DuShane has offered his complete co-operation, assuring us that there is a need on this campus for an organization designed to benefit independent students.

ROBERT D. DAVIS
PRESIDENT, I.S.A.

Potential Fuller Brushmen

There is a large though uncomputed number of potential Fuller brushmen on the campus.

We learned this recently at the University Employment service.

Of all the men who registered for employment, more have experience in sales work than in any other single field. Most however—and this is where placement troubles come—are not specialized salesmen.

How so many students at one time or another in their lives came to be small cogs in the great wheel of commerce we don't know. Everybody's father couldn't be a grocery store owner.

The larger share of women job applicants are typewriter slaves. Preference for office work does not make placing easier in this case either, especially when several of the 20 to 25 unfilled calls for workers are for theater usherettes and girls to work for their room and board.

Of unemployed snake charmers, flagpole sitters, silkworm breeders, and magicians there were none. The majority of applicants are unskilled, which proves, we think, an old theory of ours.

Namely, that it is a good thing that most people in college are in college, for they would be mighty hungry elsewhere.

—B. H.

The Political Front Thurmond Fires Away at Opponents

By VINITA HOWARD

J. Strom Thurmond, presidential candidate for the anti-civil rights Dixiecrats, told listeners in Augusta, Ga., last week that Tom Dewey, Harry Truman and Henry Wallace are "birds of one feather."

"All three are kowtowing to minority blocs by advocating the so-called civil rights program. This time they cannot fool the people and especially the Democrats of the South," Thurmond charged. Maybe Mr. Thurmond thinks he is "kowtowing" to a majority when he lashes out against civil rights to all regardless of race; the November election will undoubtedly show him and others like him that he too is a bird of the same feather.

The civil rights program,

which succeeded in splitting the Democrats this summer, seems to have taken a back seat in the campaign speeches of Dewey and Truman this fall.

Both Truman and Dewey realize that such subjects as Communists, red-baiters and inflation are much safer topics, if not less inflammable, than are the civil rights issues. In the north there is little feeling either pro or con on this issue, but in the South anyone advocating a change in the status of the Negro—and this includes President Truman—might be a target for the jeers and tomatoes which Henry Wallace got.

The racial problem in the United States is one which puzzles not only many of our more liberal

thinkers, but also serves to confuse those in foreign countries.

Some months ago an article appeared in a weekly magazine which dealt with this confusion as it effects India and its attitude toward the United States. What confused most of the thinking citizens of India, the article said, was how the United States could go about preaching democracy to other countries and warning of Communism and still let it be known that within a supposedly Democratic state there were those who because of their race were refused equal rights in voting, working and living.

The question is a long one for much debating and bull sessioning even though it has been pushed back from the limelight by the current war scare and the Berlin crisis.

Away from the national political scene . . . the gubernatorial race in Oregon between Demo Lew Wallace (no relation to Henry) and Douglas McKay has been a rather quiet one so far. Oregon is generally a strong GOP state, so barring unforeseen donkey luck McKay seems pretty certain to replace Governor Hall in the state capitol.

The Oregon political scene would probably be a great deal different today had it not been for the air accident last year which killed the late Earl Snell, Robert Farrell Jr. and Marshall Cornett. Farrell was rumored in the capitol to have been the likely candidate this fall for the governor's office while Snell was to have made his bid for congress.

Book Review

Cornelia Skinner's Newest Book Is Tender Story of Mama, Papa

By TERRY REVENAUGH

"Family Circle." Cornelia Otis Skinner. Houghton. \$3.50. 310 pages.

"I Remember Mama" is a currently popular theme for nonfiction. Cornelia Otis Skinner joins the throng with "Family Circle," neatly packaging both mama and papa in a volume of reminiscences.

Unlike "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," Miss Skinner's new book is not hilarious. Tender and amusing it is, the characters drawn with obviously loving care.

Otis Skinner, Cornelia's father, was the matinee idol of the Victorian age. Her mother, Maud, was a popular ingenue who gave up the stage for her family. Two generations of Skinners are associated in most American minds with all the glamour of theatrical tradition, wit, grease paint, footlights, opening nights and long tours. The Skinners were also a natural and loving trio.

"Family Circle" covers Maud's girlhood in Missouri and Otis's youth as the son of a New England clergyman. They met under the auspices of the famous actress, Modjeska.

To have a "real home" for Cor-

nelia, the gentle Maud settled in the town of Bryn Mawr where Cornelia survived dancing school and other perils of adolescence. "My mother once remarked," said Miss Skinner, "That all girls between the ages of fourteen and eighteen should be chloroformed. Father countered that the parents should be granted this sweet oblivion."

Cornelia slinks through her "Theda Bara" period in conventional midday-blouse costume augmented by dangling black earrings and inch-long nails. We leave the Skinner family at Cornelia's theater debut (three lines) as she takes a curtain call holding her famous father tightly by the hand.

The book wanders. Miss Skinner, woman-like, interrupts herself to tell another tale not always clearly associated with the first. However, she writes with color of the Victorian theater world and the varied life of a stage child.

Cornelia is no brain trust, heaven knows. But for gentle and intimate comedy, "Family Circle" is delightful reading.

IN RETROSPECT

— From Our Files —

2 YEARS AGO

Signs for Homecoming are to be built around the theme, "A Home for Homecoming," a promise and a hope for a student union building this year.

Plans for a new women's dormitory, housing 400 women, have been approved for the Webfoot campus, the board of higher education announced after their September meeting, according to a page one story in the Emerald.

Dining room accommodations in the John Straub Memorial hall are to be relieved by the opening of the Hendricks hall dining room as soon as skilled workers can be hired, reported Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, director of dormitories.

20 YEARS AGO

A proposal to raise the registration fees \$1.20 to assist the Oregon was voted down; the following day the registrar's office announced that student fees would be raised \$6.50 per term to cover a deficit faced by the University as a result of the constantly increasing enrollment and stationary income.

An advertisement reveals: "THE TUXEDO. As It Should Be . . . A Necessity, but it must be right in style as well as fit and quality . . . \$25 and up."

A probe into the infirmity was instigated recently by the student council and is being enlarged with the appointment of a board of six to investigate conditions. ASUO President Joe McKeown told the Emerald "We want to show the state the University's needs for a larger health service."

With prospects of a trip to Stanford or California more men are turning out for fencing . . . the class has increased to nearly twenty and a larger enrollment is expected.

From Other Editors

(From the Portland Oregonian)

This newspaper cannot support the proposed act to regulate comic books and all other publications drawn by the attorney general at the request of State Senator Jack Lynch. . .

The bill goes far beyond the objective of banning comic books and strips which may contribute to juvenile delinquency and crime. It would set up a state reviewing board under gubernatorial appointment that could censor, banish and destroy literature, the arts and a free press should it desire.

Constitutionality of such invasions of the freedom of the press for which John Milton, Peter Zenger and hundreds of

others have fought for centuries perhaps would not be upheld by the courts. The tradition, nevertheless, should not be threatened by statute delegation of authority to a governmental agency over all publications brought into or produced in Oregon.

Under the bill as drawn, the right of the reviewing board would seem virtually unlimited to censor news pictures, advertising, criticism of governmental officials and agencies, the usage of words and style of reporting. So far as literature might be concerned, the board could well establish itself as a book-banning agency more offensive than the municipal authorities of Boston who long have been the intellectual shame of America.

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