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Twelve Feet Tall and All Alone

Yes sir, that was really something. A big, gangling kid standing alone in front of 8178 fans, and it was really great. It was something wonderful to see, and it was something wonderful to hear.

One night before, he'd lost his composure, clambered up into the stands and let out his pent up frenzy on a basketball fan who'd been handing him a merciless riding. And people wondered what was wrong—what was the reason—what had the fan said. But now, who cares.

The big kid won the love and admiration of all who heard him.

There was something unprofessional—unpolished about Bob Peterson's public apology, and had it been otherwise, the sincerity of the gesture would have been lost.

There has been some question as to whether the big fellow did it on his own, or was put up to it. It just doesn't make a particle of difference. He didn't have to if he didn't want to.

"Pete" was standing alone out there; far as we were concerned there wasn't another soul within fifty feet of him—but after his first sentence was out, he wasn't alone anymore; he had the whole place with him, every last person.

Big Bob stands about six-five, but there wasn't a really bigger man standing on the well-worn maplewood of McArthur Court that night, or any night, as long as we can remember. Bigness, after all, isn't calculated with a measuring tape only; bigness of the heart can be felt—and Saturday night, Pete stood 12 feet tall.

Oregon didn't win the championship, but there was a note of triumph blending in comfortably with defeat. It wasn't the braggard type of proudness we felt, but the good, warm kind.

Today, when basketball has been dragged through the stinking mud of public scandal, it was indeed like a blaring trumpet in the black stillness to have big Pete reach up, before our very eyes, and touch the highest pinnacle of good sportsmanship.

You missed the scoring title, Pete, but you won another, bigger and grander than all the field goals you can ever score. —S.F.

Thompson Going In For Smith

A new man will be working with the Executive Council tonight. He's LaVerne Thompson, senior representative, and he brings to the council the sentiments of those men who live in Oregon's dormitories.

He has interest. He has ability. And he has a good understanding of the University picture, especially from the dormitory standpoint.

The new senior representative will need all these qualifications to fill the vacancy left by Don Smith, who was senior representative until his resignation several weeks ago.

Smith has worked in and for student government at Oregon for almost four years. He began with the Independent Students Association in his freshman year, and has been a member of the Executive Council for the past two years.

Koyl Cup winner . . . Emerald Editor, 1949-50 . . . Campbell Club president . . . Don Smith is hardly an unknown on the Oregon campus.

His convictions have been strong, and there has been plenty of courage to back up those convictions both in the Emerald and the Executive Council. Don has displayed a keen mind in council discussions, and although his argument has not always come out on top, opponents have always respected his stand.

Extensive knowledge of campus affairs—both past and present—have added to his value on the council.

He has served the students and the council well. The Don Smith vacancy is a huge one to fill.

THE DAILY 'E' . . .

to Hoyt Trowbridge, professor of English, and his committee on curricular revision which has worked more than three years to produce a very comprehensive report on suggested changes for Oregon's College of Liberal Arts.

Letters The Campus Answers

Hold Your Tongue Emerald Editor:

It is certain that criticism given the acts of the Senior Ball and Homecoming rally is just. In my opinion the humor was not college level and showed little or no taste.

However, it must be remembered that only certain of those acts were not in good taste. The Emerald headline made it seem that all of the acts were "spuffy" and under criticism.

Those acts which are on file with the Committee received no criticism and have often been commended by students and administration alike.

I would like it also to be remembered that the Homecoming rally and Senior Ball programs were not organized under the official entertainment committee.

In conference with Mr. Hawk and Mrs. Wickham, ideas were discussed whereby all acts would be cleared before imposing them on the student body. It is not our aim to propose jokes which are stuffy and edged with old lace; however it would be our purpose to have humor which is subtle and clever enough to flatter, not degrade the student's intellect.

Gerry Pearson
 Campus Entertainment
 Chairman

Early Political Spring? Emerald Editor:

Yeh, the sun is shining all right . . . looks like an early spring. But yesterday there was snow on the ground and Ma nature is likely to play some more tricks. However, the object of this little dissertation is not Mark Twain's ("no one ever does anything about it") weather but yesterday's editorial on politics.

It isn't even spring term yet, and already we are hearing about the "under-cover" dealings of politics on campus.

There is something about politics a la campus that attracts the Emerald fancy. As for the average reader in the morning, I think he is interested in what is going on on campus. Naturally this will include a "fair play" of politics during spring but that's all. Do we need great political dissertations on the "blow by blow" battle? If that's the case let's call in an impartial and talented political scientist like Charles Beard.

Anyway, even if I am chosen student body sergeant of arms on the Free Love and Nickle Beer ticket, it won't do me very much good in Korea.

Anarchist forever,
 Clyde Fahlman.

The Second Cup

Women forgive injuries, but never forget slights. Hallburton.

The silliest woman can manage a clever man; but it needs a very clever woman to manage a fool! Kipling.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever. Beauty vanished like a vapor.

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Coast to Coast

At Oklahoma, Tail Wags Dog

War worries along with final exam jitters are plaguing the University of Oregon—so let's take a campus-to-campus swing around the country to ascertain what other college students are thinking and doing these days: Said the daily paper at Iowa State: . . . "for every one who cracks under the strain there are a dozen who have adjusted their study habits, their plans for the future, and have buckled down to face the situation straight in the eye."

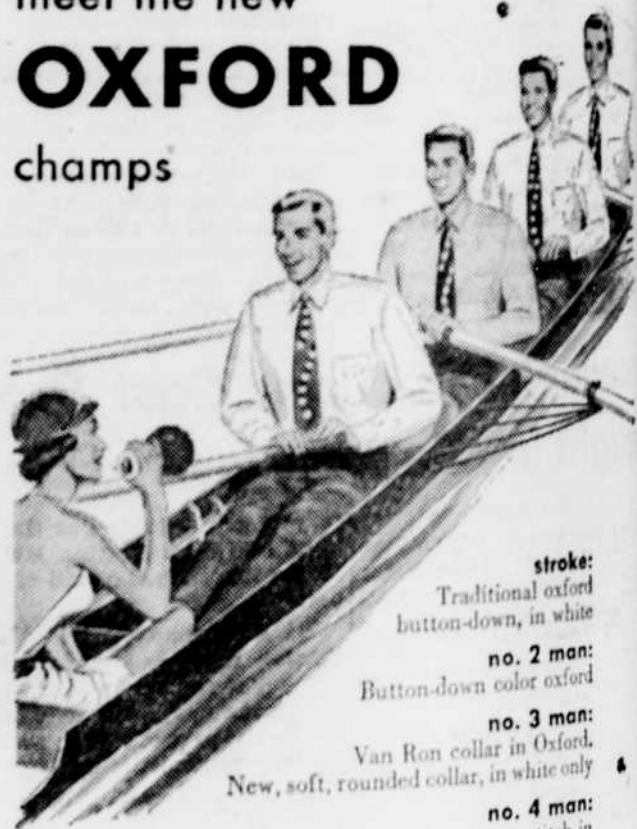
The president of the University of Oklahoma told this to the appropriations committee of the state legislature: "We're working to develop a university football team can be proud of." And down at the University of California, 23 courses and sections originally scheduled for this semester have been cancelled because the faculty members were to be in charge of them suspended for refusing to sign the hotly-debated loyalty oath.

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