

SCENE OF BIRTH

McClure Hall Renovated For Expanding J-School

Abandoned 36 years ago by a new school of journalism, McClure hall is being renovated in preparation for use by the rapidly expanding school until the new \$500,000 building is completed sometime in 1954 and '55.

For more than three years before the actual school came to be, in 1916, the basement of McClure was journalism on the Oregon campus.

Activity centered around the University press—now housed in its own quarters between the science building and the architecture annex—and chemistry classes upstairs often had to halt their experiments during those early years as the presses made the walls and floors tremble.

The one classroom soon became so constantly crowded with people and equipment that the window of the dean's office was often the only entrance available.

Journalists Visit

It was in such an atmosphere—plus being a product of the tenth department of journalism in the United States—that the student newspaper began to grow. From almost the beginning the paper carried reports of professional newspapermen who came to the campus out of curiosity and a friendship for the late Eric W. Allen, former Northwest editor of the Seattle Post Intelligencer and first dean of the school.

In 1923 the Emerald and the journalism school had new quarters. A fire during the summer of 1922 destroyed the Art building which was temporarily housing the infirmary, the art department

and the journalism school.

The new building—a brick, three story wing of the original headquarters in McClure—was one of the first three actual journalism buildings in the nation. The Emerald's quarters were in "The Shack" located on the first floor of the building.

Quonset Occupied

Fall term of 1947 saw the last move of the Emerald. Once again forced to move because of an expanding chemistry department, the offices of the daily were moved in-

to a quonset hut directly south of the journalism.

The hut, 20 and 55 feet, houses news, editorial, sports and business offices. The sports office remained in the journalism lab room for about a year before joining the rest of the staff in the present "Shack."

Plans for the new building indicate one more move will be necessary for the campus daily. Offices are provided for in the plans now ready for submission to the Oregon legislature.

Foreign Students Represent World

By Fronie Bromley

From as far away as Thailand and as near as Canada 116 foreign students are attending Oregon this year. Almost every major country except Russia is represented on the campus.

Students such as Vishnu Wassiamal from Africa's Gold Coast, Godfrey Ibom of Nigeria, Inex Pozzi-Escott from Peru and John Rutherford of North Ireland all bring to Oregon diverse backgrounds which combine to give students a true picture of other cultures and, in turn, take a part of America to other countries.

Oregon foreign students do not prefer to be thought of as a separate group, but each as an individual member of the student body. Cosmopolitan club, a social organization, provides a chance for both American and foreign students to get acquainted during a varied program of lectures, discussion groups and dancing.

Approximately two years before

a student plans to come to America he must make application for aid if needed from the State Department. He must also obtain visas and passports, keep them valid, and be constantly alert about currency restrictions. During last year the Iranian government cut off all outgoing currency and left their students temporarily without finances. Chinese national students have no way to get their currency out of Communist China.

Mighty Invincible 'O' Restored By Freshmen

Oregon's famous cement "O" high on the side of Skinner's Butte, shaped like a ragged "C" until late this week as the result of the latest and most effective dynamite blast tried on the tradition-hallowed oval, is back in the "O" form once more.

Alumni returning to the campus today will find the "O" rebuilt and repainted by the freshmen in the traditional seat-of-the-pants method. The Order of the "O" assumed the job of building the forms and pouring the necessary concrete to

restore the symbol to its original shape.

The "O" received its first paint job from the California baseball team who painted it in the form of a "C". It was painted by the Oregon State Beavers for the first time in 1911. The Beavers colored the "O" black with paint brushes—dipped in tar.

The "O" has been a target of dynamite blasts, countless paint jobs and the fury of the elements ever since its erection by the class of 1908 as a project for Junior weekend.

First Attempt

The first attempt to blow the "O" off the side of the butte was tried in 1929. Persons unknown planted dynamite near one of the lower corners. The Nov. 12 Emerald had this to say:

"So violent was the explosion that a piece of cement weighing about 25 pounds crashed through the roof of a building near the foot of the butte."

The second blasting of the "O" took place during 1949. Police were unable to locate the persons who planted the charge which took out a large chunk of a lower corner. It was the same corner which was attacked in 1929.

Biggest Blast

The third and most fatal blast happened during spring term 1952 when again unknown persons planted a large dynamite charge along one side of the oval and were successful in changing its shape to a jagged "C".

Besides being the victim of three dynamite attacks, the "O" has been changed from yellow to orange and back again until it is unknown today exactly how many times the concrete has been painted.

Tractor Tumbles Hapless Hydrant

An unidentified tractor belonging to the physical plant attacked a fire hydrant Thursday morning at 10:15 in front of University high.

The tractor, driven by R. O. McWilliams of the physical plant, was towing a Parkway sweeper when the incident took place. McWilliams was negotiating the apparatus around a small tree on the curbing when the tractor struck the hapless water hydrant with such force that it was knocked down.

Then the tractor stood over the "bleeding" hydrant until city firemen came to "administer first aid."

Students from the Vets Dorms, sororities, and Uni High gathered at the scene, compared by some as another Old Faithful, to cheer the spouting hydrant on. Water from the wounded fire hydrant filled the streets and slowed down traffic, to the enjoyment of the spectators.



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