

A Good 1952 Homecoming

The alums have all left and another Homecoming is over. How successful was Homecoming? Let's take a look.

1. The noise parade was noisy. Scheduling was good.
2. The bonfire attracted a good crowd. Materials were gathered Friday in a successful attempt to frustrate OSC freshman. The program was short and snappy.
3. Over 1,500 persons turned out to see the Homecoming vaudeville show. Quality was tops. It was well received by alums.
4. Tradition enforcement showed a lack of coordination. The University seal in front of the SU was scrubbed. The Skinner's Butte "O" didn't get painted. Some tradition violators were hacked and dunked. Many more received no punishment. There is no point in attempting to bring about a revival of traditions if violators are not punished. There was a lot of buck passing in respect to traditions.
5. Halftime entertainment at the WSC-Oregon game turned into a three-ring circus. Between the band, the cross-country runners and the Queen and her court, no one knew where to look. To complicate things further, the Oregon team came on the field before the band (which did an excellent job) had completed their performance.
6. More than 825 tickets were sold for the Homecoming Dance. The affair was a little crowded. Mac Court might have been a better site. One thing the dance proved is that Oregon is big enough to support name bands, if they are promoted as well as Skinnay Ennis was.
7. We believe that the Homecoming queen should be a senior. This year's court contained two juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen.

To limit queen candidates to seniors would restrict the field to those women who have been outstanding during three full years of college. The women would be better known by students and alums. It would add honor to the position.

Queen selection could be improved. Judges should be given more detailed information on selection basis.

All in all, however, it was a pretty good Homecoming.

Vandalism Epidemic Strikes Campus

Evidence points to a recurrence of the yearly epidemic of vandalism on campus.

Newly-planted lawns near John Straub dormitory were ruined by car tracks last weekend. Campus grounds men said the ruts "appear to have been made intentionally."

How could one drive in circles on a patch of grass accidentally?

The lawn is not ruined. But it will cost time and money for repairs. Chances are that it cannot be re-seeded until Spring, when rain will have increased the damage.

Branches torn from the library cherry trees might have added cheer to some bonfire. But the trees will have to be pruned extra short, to keep them uniform and symmetrical.

Student Union elevator riders find that the paint in the cage has been scratched by some playful jokester.

Dormitory furniture is already showing students' lack of concern for property. All of Carson hall's steam irons are at the repair shop. They were purchased in September.

Soon there may be a renewal of the attempts to put fists through dormitory walls, to rip off telephones and telephone receivers.

Perhaps to term such acts vandalism is too harsh an indictment. It might be argued that they arise from youthful exuberance, from the sheer joy of living. That they are merely pranks.

If that is so, how does one explain the timing of this epidemic?

These little "pranks" nearly always occur in the Fall, during football season, and around Homecoming when float-building, bonfires, games, and noise parade should take care of some of this super-charged energy.

We call it vandalism.

And University students should be intelligent enough to realize that they are paying the damage charges, even if they lack the discretion to keep them from such actions. (H.J.)

Voice of Experience



"Just forget about tenure for awhile—it comes as a result of being a good teacher."

Radio Review

Cigarette Sales Indicate Vote

By Don Collin

Election postscript: Edit in Sunday's The Oregonian explained why CBS shelved Univac—the mechanical brain. The broadcasting company spent the previous week feeding the 1944-1948 results into the machine for it to digest and memorize. Then on election night it was to cough up trends, odds and forecast the result.

On the basis of three million votes—Stevenson five states and 43 electoral votes, Ike the rest—this was obviously in error and the machine was junked.

A New Yorker story in its November first issue (press time was noon October 27) suggested the election results on Rum and Maple's sales of Eisenhower and Stevenson cigarettes. On the basis of sales through October 23 Stevenson had eight states for 70 electoral votes, forty for Ike with 461 electoral votes.

Northwest Artists Coming
Some Democrats were wishing the census had been taken after the election. They're sure Missouri would have retained the lost Congressional seat when Harry and the troops return from Washington.

"Northwest Artists," prepared by the University of Portland school of music under the direction of Dean Louis Artau (ex-U of O Music School) is aired by KASH, Sundays at 9 p.m.

New programs: KUGN adds "Truth or Consequences" 7:30 p.m. Thursday . . . Bob and Ray, a couple of boys with some refreshing humor on KUGN, 10:15 a.m. Monday through Friday.

More Music

Afternoon music (Treasury Bandstand, KERK at 1:30 p.m. daily) features Art Waner, Bernie Cummins and Eddy Howard the rest of this week.

Heavier music on the N. Y. Philharmonic, Sunday at 11:30 a.m. over KERK. Joseph Szigeti will introduce Frank Martin's Violin Concerto . . . Orchestral numbers will include Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and Beethoven's Eighth.

Fights tonight (KERK 8:15)

carry a couple of top middle-weights—Norm Hayes and Joey De John—in a ten round bout . . . KUGN carrying Oregon-Stanford at 1:45 . . . KORE has OSC-Idaho game . . . KEX (Portland) carries Notre Dame-Michigan State . . . KEX-FM 2 p.m. Sunday schedules LA Rams and Chicago Bears.

CBS (KERG) starts new series on Middle East this Sunday at 9 a.m. which replaces the "Asia Story." Egyptian Ambassador is first guest. Format is an informal conversation with CBS correspondent.

Agronsky on KASH at 9 a.m. NOT, p.m. . . . Amos 'n' Andy celebrate their 10,000th broadcast this Sunday with host of stars joining in the celebration.

Notes to the Editor



To the editor: © W. D. P.

From the standpoint of the Alumni Association, this year's Homecoming was truly one of the best ever held on our campus.

The committee and all members of the student body who worked on its many events can certainly claim credit for being excellent hosts. Every one of the activities proceeded smoothly and without delay.

To members of the Homecoming committee, I should like to add my personal appreciation for a job well done. It has been my pleasure to work with a number of student committees over recent years, but I know of none other which put forth more effort so tirelessly and so efficiently.

On behalf of the several thousand alumni who came back to the campus, we say many thanks.

Sincerely,
Lester E. Anderson

They Liked Adlai

US Elections Seen Of Top Importance By German Writer

(Ed. Note: Juergen Behncke, German free lance writer, studied journalism on the campus last year under a State Department program. He has now returned to Germany. The following letter was written by Behncke on Nov. 4, the day Americans went to the polls to elect a new president.)

Today is American election day and there is no other event in the world more important than this one. Because of the time difference I will be able to sleep tonight and hear tomorrow morning, I hope, the first results via the American Forces Network in Europe.

The opinion of the German press is that Stevenson will win. Also it is stated that Eisenhower has still about a 1 per cent better chance than Stevenson, according to the Public Opinion Institute. But the last elections have shown to the German people that one cannot trust these institutions.

Arab Decision Important

The event next to the elections which is most important is the decision of the Arab league to give up trade relations with Germany in case Germany is willing to fulfill the Luxembourg treaty with Israel for restitutions. We like to have good relations with both and so the German government has sent delegations to each of the Arab states to agree with the German-Israel treaty and at the same time go on with the Arab-German Trade.

Even the Saar question is, because of these two events, less important than last week, when the German parliament declared that the elections on Nov. 30 in the Saar would not be valid. In this question the whole house was of one opinion.

German Future Seen Bright

The minister of economics said that Germany would have a good economic future and that the government goes with good faith into the next year.

Halloween was rainy. Beside this it is a Church holiday of the Protestant church. All students of Protestant faith had the morning free to go to church.

Reports from Paris state that the European Defense community talks will be blocked. The hope at Paris is apparently new Entente Cordiale. This, in my opinion, would be a tragic mistake.

At Bonn we had last week visitors from the so-called parliament in the Soviet zone of Germany. They had a letter for the speaker of the lower house, who was absent for election campaign. Detective police brought them back to the zonal frontier.

Oregon in News

Oregon was in all German papers' news. Senator Nixon had said that his wife had no fur coat, and an Oregon gentleman had given her one.

In the spotlight currently is the soccer season in Europe. For Germany the most important event was the international game at Paris, which the French won.

That's all for today. Also as I am not in Oregon, I hope the football team has a good year.

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