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## Is The Spirit Gone?

For us, it's over. No more pages to worry about getting filled and no more deadlines to meet. This is the last Emerald until next fall.

When we do come back you may notice a few changes—but just a few. For as Larry Hobart, editor for the first half of this year, said Wednesday night at the Emerald Banquet, it won't really be a new staff next year.

A few new names but, essentially, a continuation of a staff started more than fifty years ago.

As our own particular Father Time runs out, we can't think of a great deal to say. Glad to see our faculty took a positive stand on NAACP. Rather proud of our own Dean Sabine for speaking up where many others would hesitate to whisper so much as a word.

We remember Louis Fischer saying that one of the biggest dangers we face today is hesitation on the part of responsible citizens to defend what they believed in. How true . . . and how nice it is to see somebody from this institution talk square.

We had a very interesting year. Had fun in two political campaigns—one national, one local—and trouble with that old green stuff. Learned a lot that next year's Emerald, under Al Karr, will profit by.

And we end with a question.

What's happened to the "radical" spirit of young people; where did all this "liberalism" we always heard about depart to?

We're not talking about participation in activities or student government. We're thinking about the spirit we used to associate with college crowds.

Maybe it was "pinko" though we doubt it, very seriously. We like to think it an extremely liberal attitude toward all things. Something on the order of a very free and open mind—at high tide in the college age.

Well, we can't seem to find it any more and we wonder. Did this misdirected surge of political conservatism drive it out; did it depart with the veterans of a couple of years ago; was it eclipsed by the burdens of a troubled world?

Who can say? We can't. We only know that the spirit is gone, or only a dim shade of its former self. And we thought it was a pretty good spirit, too. The world is already too full of conservative people who stand behind nothing so strongly as the status quo.

Perhaps, dear reader, you don't agree with us. Admittedly this is one time when we wished like sixty that we were dead wrong.

## notes to the editor

### ABOUT THE 'O'

Please accept, for what they are worth, these two suggestions concerning the recent controversy about the "O" on Skinner's Butte.

1. The present "O" is so solidly constructed that the only practical way of removing it is with dynamite. Since many of us like the "O" why not remove the present one and construct one out of light wood or some other material which pranksters could remove without resorting to dynamite? If the lightly constructed "O" was then damaged it would not endanger lives or property, and it could be easily, quickly and cheaply repaired.

2. If the athletic events and or spring fever are continually going to lead to incidents which endanger the lives and property of innocent people then why not place restrictions upon the entire student bodies of the school or schools involved?

Sincerely yours,

(name withheld by request)

(Ed. note: An agreement between the University and OSC

in the fall of 1948, and reaffirmed every year since then, should take care of wrongdoers on either campus . . . if caught. The agreement stipulates that (1) student body members are individually and collectively liable for damages on the rival's campus and (2) students involved in acts of destruction and vandalism will be suspended. It has "worked very successfully" for the past five years, according to Donald DuShane, director of student affairs.

Perhaps an "O" constructed of something less solid than cement would be less dangerous in the event that it was destroyed. Such a plan, however, doesn't get to the bottom of the trouble. The only real answer, obviously, is severe, and we mean severe, punishment for those whose intelligence is of such a low state that they are willing to risk the lives of others for a little fun.)

ATTENTION: DUCK TRACKS.

In yesterday's column "Duck Tracks" your writer's sang anthems in praise of various senior

# The Year's Top Stories

## Stalin, Ike, Election, 'O', NAACP Are List's Standouts

Another school year nears its end, and many of us—seniors at least—are looking back to see just what the year has meant. One way to appraise the past months at Oregon is to peruse the news events, so we have done just that.

We've come up with what we call the top eleven news stories as published by the Oregon Daily Emerald, plus several other articles and categories of articles.

This process creates a partial fiction, we admit, in that the 1952-53 year at Oregon wasn't just the biggest stories—it was everything bulwarked by day-to-day happenings. But the top news represents the tugs and pushes which gave the past year its particular overall character.

So, plunging off the deep end, here are our picks for the eleven top news events of the year—as the Emerald ran them—and not necessarily in order of importance. With them are the bases for their selection:

1. Death of Joseph Stalin, after his becoming ill. No one would argue that this isn't one of the biggest news events, internationally, of the decade. What its significance will be is another matter, but it certainly was news.

For the Emerald, especially so, since the two main segments—the announcement of the illness, and the death—happened the nights before two Wednesday and Friday Emerald issues when there was no paper in between.

2. Election of Dwight D. Eisenhower as President of the United States. The first Republican president in 20 years, with tremendous significance for Oregon students and everyone else in this country and the world.

3. Faculty approval, then subsequent revoking, of the speech requirement which would have made mandatory three hours of speech for every Oregon student. When passed, it was to be the first major change in academic requirements in several years; when revoked, that move was cancelled.

4. United Students association Greek houses return to Associated Greek students party and United Independent Students is formed. First change in political party set-up at Oregon since USA's forma-

tion in 1948. Represents formal return to old Greek-independent political alignment.

5. ASUO senate's refusal to continue Paul Washke as a faculty member of the constitution committee, replacing him with E. S. Wengert. Was one of the senate's more aggressive bits of action.

6. Declaration of that constitution committee that the senate's intent to separate presidential and representative candidates on the preferential class ballots is unconstitutional. Was another block to the senate's lengthy attempts to make the change. In the ASUO election, the plan was passed as an amendment, but failed to be voted upon by enough students to put it into effect.

7. Chopping off of two dances from the future calendar by the student affairs committee. Represented one of the more controversial actions of the committee in the last few years, and brought that group's activity into the spotlight.

8. ASUO election. Tom Wrightson elected president, such amendments as the all-campus primary, fall term freshman elections, and graduate student class representation on the senate (now up for contestation), and dominance of the election by AGS. Determines much of the personnel and framework for student government next year, which is potentially very important.

9. Blasting in half of the Skinner's butte "O", for the second year in a row. Was one of the more destructive (to surrounding homes) and dangerous (to police and other observers after the third charge of dynamite—21 sticks—was left unexploded) attacks on the "O", probably by Oregon State college students.

10. Selection of Ron Lowell as the outstanding student in Oregon, by the National Association of Manufacturers. Honor and prestige for the University and one of its top students.

11. Conflict over the refusal of the student affairs committee to recognize the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as a University student organization. One of the bigger issues, charged with emotion and having important implications.

We had to pick these eleven over many other highlights and significant news events, and some not too significant. We cannot overlook, however, such news as the visits of Eisenhower and Richard Nixon to Eugene, the assembly addresses of such men as Groucho Marx, Edward Weeks, Mortimer Adler, Lester Pearson and Wayne Morse, the Emerald's editorial backing Adlai Stevenson for President, the series of house burglaries, the American Legion decision not to ask for teachers' loyalty oaths at colleges in Oregon.

Disciplinary action against men caught drinking in a dormitory, the ineligibilities of three senate members, the erection of the Geodesic dome, the short-lived squabble over the initially-accepted but later rejected attack on deferred living presented for approval to Interfraternity council, the state legislature's approval of a new journalism school here, the conflict over extension of civil service for University employees, the appointment of Gov. Doug McKay as secretary of interior, the failure last fall term of the freshman election amendment to pass

because of an insufficient voter turnout.

The Emerald's poll showing students liked Ike, the student cleanup of the millrace, the switch to noon, four-page publication of the Emerald, the winning of the national bowling title by the Webfoot team, decision to hold fall term rushing for men next year, the death of Puddles, the setup of limited AM broadcasts for station KWAX, the selection of the various class officers, publication heads, and other student leaders, and the traditional weeks, weekends and contests—such as Homecoming, Religious Evaluation week, and the Ugly man contest.

## Accents

.. by ..  
Alex

from Kaufman Bros.

Jantzen presents four brand new swim styles . . . "Tuxedo" . . . a black lastex beauty with white trim and three pearl buttons diagonal across the bodice . . . only \$18.95. "Called 'Postage Stamp' because it fits like a stamp on an envelope, this elasticized and gathered suit is 100% nylon and comes in cyclamen rose and emerald green . . . \$10.95.

A cotton batik suit with a futuristic scroll pattern is produced in gray print with an elastic back . . . "Breezeway" . . . price \$7.95.

Because it shows it, I guess, this gem is named "Cheesecake". It's made of elastic faille . . . with an elastic petal bra and an emphasizing bustline . . . this '53 model will add oomph to anyone. Comes in white, aqua, black and gold . . . lowly priced at \$14.95.

Kaufman Bros. in Eugene is featuring this season Adele Simpson and her famous line of high-styled cottons. She is the 1953 national winner of the no. 1 fashion award . . . for putting cottons in the fashion field. You can feel extra lovely—dressed up-or in casual wear in a Simpson original . . . made by a woman who could put cotton in a wedding gown and make a bride seem twice again as lovely! Adele Simpson designs for such outstanding companys as Bates Fabric Inc., Dan River Mills, Galey and Lord, Hope Skillman and M. and M. Thomas Co. Drop in at Kaufman Bros. today and see why . . . "Simpson is on the cotton map."

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In the new Apsco fabric—"the fabric with the fashion future" this party dress is made of Orion and Nylon . . . in seaweed green with a V-neck and tiny loops around the neckline this summer creation is matched with a black velvet belt and priced at only \$19.95.

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