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R. 1. In the mid 1950s, I was a La Grande kid with an Oregonian paper route that included Hunt and Dorian halls. My job was complicated during one particularly severe winter storm when I arrived at the dorms to find the boys had completely blocked with snow the entrances to Dorian, forcing the girls to exit through Hunt. I can only imagine what a gauntlet they must have run.

2. One afternoon in the early '60s and I was now a student at EOC, I exited Pierce Library to see a large commotion taking place up the hill in front of the dorms. "Wonder what's happening," asked a companion. "Oh, they probably dug somebody up," I replied. Sure enough, that was exactly what had happened. While digging a trench through the road in front of Hunt, workers blundered upon an unmarked grave, one that had somehow been missed when the old city cemetery was moved to make room for the college.

Guys from the dorm jumped into the trench to liberate the bones found there, thinking to dress them up with a coonskin cap and parade them at games as the original Mountaineer. However, state law required the bones be reburied. Still, the guys kept the coffin handles until Jack Evans, then an assistant librarian, approached them, saying the handles should be given to the library where they would be put on exhibit. That seemed reasonable, so the handles were turned over. That was the last any of us ever saw of them.