

Campus Notes

news and commentary

School Days

There are three weeks or so in August during which the campus takes on the character of a cemetery. The ovals lie deserted, baking under the sun. A few souls stir in the library, and the people in the offices in Evans Hall shed ties and take longer coffee breaks in the Union. The last summer school student has driven off into the sunset in the first week in August, and like a bruised animal licking its wounds after a particularly exhausting battle or a hostess collapsing into an easy chair amid the debris of a cocktail party after the final guest departs, the permanent University community and the Campus Corner establishment withdraw, heave a collective sigh, and sink into a blissful period of respite, a lethargic regrouping action in preparation for the inevitable influx of the fall semester students.

Businesses refurbish and restock. Norman's countless hamburger emporia begin laying up towers of meat patties for the cultured palates of the next batch of scholars. Professors get out of town or else resignedly head for the University Golf Course to tune up their horrendous games. The administrators begin oiling the computers for the new term. And before you can say Student Unrest three times fast, the first cars laden with clothes, check-books, and students begin their entry along the free world's leading bottleneck, Lindsey Street.

About 18,500 faces, old and new, are expected this fall. They will find, among other things, several new taco joints and a few more apartment complexes. On campus they will find a new administration. The Hollomon years have begun. The President's office on the first floor of the ad building has been redecorated. There's a book store (yes, a book store) in Couch Center (the new Towers buildings), and the offices of the deans of men and women are there also.

Some things will be the same, including the frantic unreality of fraternity and sorority rush and the grunts emanating from the football practice field.

Construction is in evidence. Dale Hall, the new social sciences center, is almost ready for occupancy. And huge ditches snake about the campus around the stadium, along Jenkins Street, and parallel to

Boyd on the North Oval. They are there, it is said, to connect pipes and such for heating, air conditioning, telephone lines, sewers, and other utility lines in the network of tunnels under the campus though the whole operation could easily be mistaken for a subway system.

Another unpredictable and eventful year awaits us all, and the best thing to do is tune in, turn on, and hang loose.

The Hollomon Inauguration

A number of special events have been planned in connection with the inauguration of Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon on Friday, Oct. 18. The official ceremony will be preceded by a series of special programs which have been planned by an inaugural committee composed of citizens, faculty members, and students.

As of Labor Day the inaugural calendar

included an art exhibit, a concert, visiting speakers, a drama production, and a conference of leading educators. David Brinkley, the NBC television newsman, was scheduled to lead off an inaugural speakers series on Sept. 28 in the Field House. On Oct. 16 Phyllis Curtin, an internationally known American soprano, will appear as guest soloist with the University Symphony in honor of the Hollomon inauguration. This concert will be open to the public, and on the following night will be presented for invited delegates to the inauguration. The art exhibit, which opened Sept. 15 and lasts until Oct. 27, includes examples of the major directions of contemporary art. On Oct. 16-17 a conference on educators will be held at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education with the final afternoon open to the public. A number of national figures have been invited, but the complete list was being withheld at press

Inaugural Schedule

Sept. 16-Oct. 27	Inaugural Art Show: East Coast-West Coast Exhibit, Museum of Art
Sept. 28	Inaugural Speaker Series: David Brinkley, 8 p.m., Field House
Oct. 16	Inaugural Concert: Phyllis Curtin with the OU Symphony, 8:15 p.m., Holmberg Hall Auditorium
Oct. 16-17	Education Conference (Sessions will be open to interested observers the afternoon of Oct 17), Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education
Oct. 17	Special Concert for Inaugural Guests: Phyllis Curtin with OU Symphony, 8:15 p.m., Holmberg Hall Auditorium
Oct. 18	Inaugural Day 9:30 a.m.: Processional 10 a.m.: Inaugural Ceremony, South Oval, John W. Gardner, Guest Speaker 12:30 p.m.: Delegate Luncheon, Union Ballroom 3:30 p.m.: Inaugural Reception, Commons Restaurant, OCCE 8 p.m.: Inaugural Ball, Oklahoma Memorial Union
Oct. 19	Dads' Day Morning: Inaugural-Dads' Day Open House 10:30 p.m.: Inaugural-Dads' Day Reception honoring President Hollomon, Couch Center Cafeteria 1:30 p.m.: Football Game OU vs. Iowa State 8 p.m.: Dads' Day Quartet Contest and Dads' Association business meeting, Union
Oct. 21	Special Drama Production for Inaugural Guests: <i>Lysistrata</i> , Rupel J. Jones Theater
Oct. 22-26	Inaugural Drama Production: <i>Lysistrata</i> , Rupel J. Jones Theater
Nov. 15-16	Inaugural Homecoming
April 9-12	History of Science Conference: Cosponsored by the Midwest Junto and the Society for the History of Technology
March 7	Inaugural Speaker Series: Agnes Moorhead, "Come Closer—I'll Give You an Earful," 8:00 p.m., Holmberg Hall Auditorium

time until confirmation was received from all those who were to appear. The participants are to engage in a discussion of the direction of higher education in the United States.

The School of Drama's initial production of *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes will be presented for inaugural guests and delegates on Oct. 21. British actor-director Bernard Hepton has been signed as the director. Hepton has directed more than seventy-five plays in England and is a former director of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre and the Liverpool Playhouse and a former director-producer for the British Broadcasting Corp.

The inauguration ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Oct. 18 on the South Oval, and the main address will be given by John W. Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and presently head of the Urban Coalition, which is made up of groups concerned with the problems of American cities. Gardner was president of the Carnegie Foundation when he was named by President Johnson to the cabinet post.

A luncheon for delegates, who will represent various national and state organizations and educational institutions, will be held at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education after the inauguration, and Friday night an inaugural ball will be held in the Union ballroom.

The inaugural weekend will conclude on Oct. 19 when Dads' Day is held in conjunction with the OU-Iowa State football game.

Regent Santee

Jack Santee, an attorney from Tulsa and an alumnus of the University, was appointed in July by Gov. Bartlett to the OU Board of Regents, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of James G. Davidson, Tulsa, whose seven-year term expired in June.

Santee, 37, received a BS in education from OU in 1953 and a law degree in 1956. A halfback on Bud Wilkinson's 1950-51-52 football teams, Santee was a student member of the coaching staff while he was in law school. After graduation, he began a practice of law in Tulsa, but he still keeps active in the sport by coaching a junior-high team. "We call our team the Admiral Byrd Explorers," says Santee, "and we do a great deal of exploring." Last year his team completed a successful 6-2-4 expeditionary season.

For the past year Santee has served on the board of regents of the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts at Chickasha. "I'm sure there are similarities between the two boards," he says, "though at OCLA we were dealing with an expenditure of only about \$1 million annually. Needless to say, the problems here are larger and more complex."

When asked if he regarded his age as a factor in his effectiveness on the board, Santee said, "I value experience and of course I'm not as experienced as the other members, so I suppose that is a disadvantage. At the same time, however, I think



Regent Jack Santee and Mrs. Santee
The board has a new member

it's an advantage because in some cases a structure of thought which tends to reject many good ideas comes with older age."

Santee and his wife, the former Helen Mishler, also an OU graduate ('57ba), spent three days on the OU campus in July, soon after Santee's appointment, in an innovative orientation visit which President Hollomon has inaugurated for new regents. During his stay, Santee visited many offices, was briefed by faculty, students, and administrators, toured buildings, was introduced to a myriad of departments and programs, and was presented with enough reading material to fill his nights for weeks to come.

Santee believes that one of the most important aspects of being a Regent is communication with the University community and the citizens of the state. "I want to take every opportunity I can to talk with students, University personnel, and citizens of Oklahoma about our University and higher education," he says. And he is aware of and sympathetic to the need for student involvement in their education. "The students must be heard and have a part in determining the kind of education they will receive. I'm not sure that any one person can really understand all the problems that universities face, but I think I have some added perspective since it wasn't very long ago that I was a student." Santee has served as a member of the OU Alumni Association Executive Board and has worked for the Alumni Development Fund, which provides him with an additional perspective. He and Mrs. Santee have two children, Catherine, 5, and John Mishler, 3 months.

University with a Heart

When the out-of-state students deplaned at Will Rogers World Airport at Oklahoma City the weekend prior to registration on Sept. 9-10, they found that some official thoughtfulness had removed for them the expensive 20-mile taxi trip to Norman. A fleet of station wagons and buses provided by the University Relations department was waiting to take them to the campus at no

expense. "We're trying to make their move to Norman a little easier," said Jack Cochran, director of special events for the department. The service was also provided in the morning on the 9th and 10th for late arrivals. On Sunday the 8th since there were more students than bus and auto seats, the caravan made two trips. The students who had to wait for the second load were given tickets entitling them to free refreshments at the air terminal.

New Faces of '68

Among the new faces at OU this fall are those of a new dean of men, assistant dean of men, director of registration, and director of the Southwest Center for Human



Dean of Men Stanley Hicks
Among the new faces

Relations Studies. Stanley R. Hicks succeeds James F. Paschal, who has been named director of student activities, as dean of men. Serving as his assistant will be Ron Shotts, well known as OU's fine

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behavior of students might do well to think about this: One of the few opportunities a youth has to enter a period of psychological moratorium in this complex world of today is in the years of college. This is his last chance to try out different roles, to develop himself as a contributing and worthwhile member of society. Colleges may sometimes seem lax in their administration of rules and regulations, but although I agree that standards must be kept and the line drawn, there must still be enough flexibility within the system to allow the individual to grow and to become. If you have patience, wait and see. I think you may agree that this is a remarkable generation of youth. We all have much to learn from them. I learn every day.

Let me close with a favorite quote of mine from Erik Erikson: "To enter history, each generation of youth must find an identity consonant with an ideological promise in the perceptible historical process—but in youth the tables of childhood dependence begin slowly to turn—no longer is it merely for the old to teach the young the meaning of life, whether individual or collective. It is the young who, by their responses and actions, tell the old whether life as represented by the old and as presented to the young has meaning; and

it is the young who carry in them the power to confirm them and joining the issues, to renew and regenerate, or to reform and rebel." □

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football tailback for the past three seasons. *Robert L. Bailey* is the new director of registration under Dr. William C. Price, dean of admissions and registrar, and *Joseph H. Lawter*, principal of Oklahoma City's Central High School for the past eight years, has been named to head the human relations studies center, part of the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education.

Obituary

Death has taken three retired faculty members this summer. Dr. Nathan Altshiller Court, professor emeritus of mathematics, died July 20; Dr. Helen Brown Burton, for twenty-three years director of the School of Home Economics and for whom the home ec building is named, died Aug. 23, and Dr. Arthur N. Bragg, professor emeritus of zoology, died Aug. 27.

Court, who was 87 at the time of his death, was a world renowned mathematician who pioneered the college course work in geometry. When he began university teaching in 1913, Euclidian geometry was taught at the high school level only. At OU from 1916 onward, he urged the establishment of an upper level course, taught it, and developed the outline and basic

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Professors Court, Burton, and Bragg
Death takes three former faculty members

Court's basic text, *College Geometry*, was first published in 1925, translated into Chinese in 1932, and republished in 1950. It is believed to be the only text to have been in continuous use for more than a quarter of a century without revision. notes which resulted in the course being added to the mathematics curricula at many other colleges and universities.

Court was recognized as the world authority on synthetic geometry, which is the pure form without the use of analysis. He also is widely respected for his theories on the philosophy of mathematics, projective geometry, mathematics in the history of civilization, and mathematics as a science.

Dr. Burton retired as professor emeritus of home economics in August 1958 and moved to Arizona. A specialist in food and nutrition, her research included the study of calcium and phosphorus in the human body, the ascorbic acid content of

certain foods, and the use of crushed egg shells and dry skim milk as foods.

She came to OU in 1927 from West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Tex. She also taught at Wayne (Neb.) Teachers College and Lewis Institute, Chicago, Ill., which is now the Illinois Institute of Technology. Dr. Burton received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Indiana University in 1911 and a bachelor of science degree in home economics from Lewis Institute in 1915. She earned the master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Chicago in 1922 and 1929, respectively. While at OU she was active in home economics, scientific, academic, and civic organizations.

Bragg, 70, who joined the OU faculty in 1934, was a specialist in herpetology, the branch of zoology which deals with reptiles and amphibians, and was the author of more than 300 papers for Ameri-

can and European scientific journals. He was the author of *Gnomes in the Night*, published in 1965 by the University of Pennsylvania Press, and was working on another manuscript dealing with the frogs and toads of Oklahoma. He had done ex-

A native of Pittsfield, Maine, Bragg graduated from high school at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield. He earned his bachelor of science degree in biology in 1924 from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, his master of arts degree in biology from Boston University in 1934, and his doctor of philosophy degree in zoology from OU in 1937. He also had done advanced study at Johns Hopkins University.

Before joining the OU faculty, Bragg was an assistant professor of zoology at Marquette University. He also had been a graduate assistant in biology at Johns Hopkins, a teacher in a rural school near Tuf-tonborough, N.H., and principal of a grade school in Danforth, Maine. Bragg was the recipient of the first Ortenburger Award from the OU chapter of Phi Sigma, international honorary biological society. The annual award recognizes a faculty member for breadth of interest and activity in biology, for interest and participation in research, and for enthusiasm and ability to interest others in biology. tensive research on frogs and toads, particularly on the evolution of adaptive behavior of Spadefoot toads.

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