



Ah, shades of the '50s! Mothers and daughters alike carry out the Mom's Day luncheon theme at the Pi Beta Phi sorority house by heralding the return of the hat to

the fashion scene. Linda Rodgers, center, came from Blackwell to join twin daughters Elizabeth, left, and Rachel, for the University's busiest spring weekend.

Dear Mom,  
Had a wonderful time!  
Glad you were here.

Dads? They're easy to entertain. Let them take you out for a good meal on Friday night, maybe lunch on Saturday, then off to the game; the Big Red will do the rest. Dad's Day is a piece of cake.

Now Moms are another case entirely. Moms come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and in-

terests. Moms like to see your room, check your sheets for signs of laundering, meet your current love interest, talk to your house mother. Moms want to go places and do things and have pictures taken for the scrapbook. Moms require special care and handling. Mom's Day at OU is an event.

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# Dear Mom,



First on Saturday's agenda is Moms' registration. Cherokee sophomore Amy Hickey, center, does the honors for mother Jane and grandmother Bea Myers.



A photo of Susan Britton and son Andy goes home to Big Spring, Texas, for the album.

**F**or those who thrive on extracurricular activity, there is never a dull moment at the University of Oklahoma. But even for this super-charged environment — where the young never sleep, the athletic never tire, the studious never falter and the lively never weaken — the weekend of April 12-14 had to have set a new high in perpetual motion.

Saturday, April 13, 1985, was officially Mom's Day, the 56th such occasion since President and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell invited mothers to their home in 1929 for tea, followed by a band concert, campus tours, a swimming exhibition, a polo game, and a ballet. The day has long since evolved into a weekend, however, many mothers arriving on Friday evening and leaving on Sunday morning, with enough activities packed into the interval to qualify as a regular spring festival.

Stovall Museum tours were



Norman mother Kathryn Hassinger, center, didn't have far to travel to join her freshman daughter Kristin, left, and Susan, a junior, at the coffee given by Patty Jischke, wife of OU's interim president. The Hassingers' OU son, James, left the coffee session to the ladies.

first on the schedule for Friday, then on to the Senior Awards Banquet for the recognition of the Letzeiser Medal winners and other student notables. For many the day was topped off with an evening performance by the high-stepping showmen and women of "Sooner Scandals," which was on the schedule for Saturday as well.

Although early rising Moms may have looked at threatening skies on Saturday morning and worried for their new coiffures, the temperamental Oklahoma weather had produced a perfect spring day by time to register at the housing centers, commuter center and the Greek houses. Patty Jischke, wife of OU's interim president, had the Moms to coffee in the Ming Gallery of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, followed by a luncheon and style show in the Ballroom.

If a Mom's offspring happened to be a member of a sorority or fraternity, coffee probably was consumed at the respective Greek houses, followed by brunch, lunch, mini style shows, skits and other assorted frivolities, all faithfully recorded by the party pic photographer. Group pictures offered more of a challenge, with high-heeled Moms gamely climbing to the top risers to balance precariously beside son or daughter as the cameras clicked.

For Moms of a serious bent, OU Panhellenic sponsored the Women's Emphasis Event at Dale Hall with afternoon seminars on health and fitness, financial planning for the '80s, makeover and color analysis and marriage, family and the working woman, followed by guest speaker Linda Cavanaugh, television anchorwoman for Channel 4 News in Oklahoma City.

Of course if Mom was more



*Fraternities and sororities kept photographers hopping on Mom's Day, one group after another climbing the risers on the Tri Delt lawn. Here the Delta Tau Deltas pose with their mothers.*



*Even a few fathers could be seen in the crowd at the Mom's Day luncheon in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Ballroom. Highlight of the event was provided by the fashion design students from the School of Human Development who staged a style show featuring their own creations.*



# Glad you were here.



Moms' weekend wouldn't have been complete without attending a performance of "A Dream Come True," this year's version of "Sooner Scandals." The Pi Beta Phi/Alpha Tau Omega entry, pictured above, placed second behind the best-in-show winner, Delta Delta Delta/Lambda Chi Alpha, with third place going to the members of The Pride of Oklahoma, making their first appearance in the annual extravaganza. First place in the small act category went to Alpha Gamma Delta/Delta Upsilon, with Gamma Phi Beta/Sigma Phi Epsilon taking second.

sports minded, you could hardly throw a cat on campus that weekend without hitting a spring sporting event. On the diamond at L. Dale Mitchell Baseball Park, the Sooners were taking four from Kansas State, while at the softball complex, the women lost two to K-State on Saturday then took them back from Kansas on Sunday. The John Jacobs Invitational Track Meet saw records fall to the high school thin-clads on Friday, the collegians on Saturday. On Owen Field, the Big Red football team provided a glimpse of the fall to come with a scrimmage open to the public. Basketball fans with the foresight to have purchased advance tickets flocked to the Union Ballroom on Saturday evening to pay homage to Billy, Wayman and the Boys, and waited in suspense as Wayman Tisdale was declared the most valuable



Proud mothers on hand for the annual Senior Awards Banquet saw top honors, the gold Letzeiser Medals, awarded to Charles Bradford Henry, Shawnee, pictured above left with Interim President Martin Jischke, and Marjori Maddox Krebs, Colorado City, Texas, at right. Silver medals went to May Chun-




mae Chang, Tulsa, and Nilo Balatan Cater, Norman, and bronze medals to Dorothy Ellene Rhodes, Bethany, and William Paul Stanhope, Oklahoma City. Also honored were the Letzeiser Honor List, Mortar Board, Pe-et, Omicron Delta Kappa, Big Men/Women on Campus, Who's Who, and Dad's Day winners.

player of the 1984-85 season.

Meanwhile, back at the Duck Pond, Moms changed into low heels and strolled the grounds of the ninth annual Medieval Fair, in full swing both Saturday and Sunday with "hearty Food & Drynk, 100 skilled artisans and craftspersons, Knightly entertainment, games of the Realm, Dance and Theatre on the Unicorn Stage and in Woodsy settings."

This busiest of all weekends was not reserved just for Moms, of course. An errant Dad or two was seen sharing in the fun with townspeople, sports fans and other visitors. A group of J-School veterans was on campus for the 70th anniversary reunion of the OU chapter of Women in Journalism. Nineteen of the past recipients of the Carl Albert Award as the top senior in the College of Arts and Sciences accepted the invitation of OU Regents Chairman Julian Rothbaum to a black tie dinner honoring the former U.S. Speaker of the House on the 20th anniversary of the award. Put them all together, and there wasn't a parking space for miles around.

And did we mention the Campus Corner Sidewalk Sale? If Mom was still ambulatory and solvent between lunch and dinner time, the friendly neighborhood merchants were accepting checks with proper identification. Ah, the Mothers. Bless 'em. 

Photos by Gil Jain



*For basketball-minded mothers, what better treat than dinner with the local heroes at their banquet in the Union. Here man-of-the-hour Wayman Tisdale receives his boutonniere from Missy Marler Wall of the athletic department.*



*Juggler Bill Williams, in real life OU's publications director, is part of a variety of entertainment at the ninth annual Medieval Fair, two days of food, fun and arts and crafts staged at the Duck Pond.*



*Mom in a mellow mood, checkbook in hand. What better time to replenish the college wardrobe? Umbrella tables and sidewalk benches offer momentary respite for foot-weary Sooner mothers lured by their offspring to the Campus Corner merchants' well-timed annual sale.*