

THE SOONER MAGAZINE

OKLAHOMA ALUMNI NEWS

MAY, 1931



Oklahomans at home and abroad

MAY CALENDAR

May 1. Senior day.

May 1-15. Exhibit of paintings by Kansas artists.

May 2. Sigma Nu house dance. Lambda Chi dance at College shop.

May 6. Dual track meet with Kansas Aggies.

May 6. Annual Senior day. Registration from 8 to 10 and voting for class marshal. Pe-et and Mortar board pledging at 11. Alumni luncheon at noon. Free shows in afternoon at University, Sooner and Campus theaters. Faculty-senior baseball game at 3:30. Interfraternity "sing" at 7 o'clock. Annual senior dance at 8:15, Oklahoma Union ballroom.

May 8 and 9. Playhouse presents Richard M. Dickinson's *Black Jack Davey*, prize winning University of Oklahoma play. (For tickets, write Ray Holcombe, director, The Playhouse).

May 9. Kappa Sigma dansant at College shop. Beta Theta Pi dance at College shop. Delta Chi house dance. Pi Kappa Phi house dance.

May 15. Delta Upsilon dance at College shop.

May 15-June 1. University of Oklahoma art exhibition.

May 16. Phi Gamma Delta house dance. Sigma Alpha Epsilon dance at Teepee. Sigma Chi house dance.

May 22. Pi Kappa Alpha house dance. Delta Tau Delta house dance.

May 23. Phi Delta Theta house dance. Phi Kappa Psi house dance. Kappa Alpha dance at College shop.

ASSOCIATION PROGRESS

Nursing

The Alumnae Association of the school of nursing of the University of Oklahoma met in business session in the nurses' room at the Crippled children's

hospital on Thursday, March 19th. Some time was spent in checking absentee members. Miss Lillian Taylor, '28 is taking academic work at A. & M. college, Stillwater. A beautiful twelve-volume, loose-leaved *Nelson Encyclopedia* was presented to the school of nursing through the Alumnae Association by Dr Wann Langston, '16 med., and Mrs Langston. The alumnae, as a body, pledged themselves to the upkeep of the volumes in Doctor Langston's name, as a perpetual memorial to him and his service to the school. The report of the national committee on the distribution of nursing service in the February *Bulletin* from national headquarters precipitated a heated discussion regarding the nursing situation, culminating in the appointment of a committee to work out the details of a registry for hourly nursing service to be presented at the next meeting.

Association election

The annual election of executive board members of the Association is now in progress, balloting being by mail. Ballots have been mailed by Association Secretary Cleckler to all paid-up members and must be returned to headquarters before 6 p. m. May 15.

The nominees were selected by a committee of three named by Association President White. Committee members were: Fritz Aurin, '14 arts-sc., M. A. '15, of Ponca City, chairman; Dr Frank Balyeat, '11 arts-sc., M. A., '18, of Norman; Lee B. Thompson, '25 arts-sc., '27 law, of Oklahoma City.

Drafted

A move has been initiated in Tulsa to draft William L. Eagleton, '14 arts-sc., '19 law, former supreme court commissioner and Robert H. Wood, '11 arts-sc., Tulsa geologist, for members of the

board of education of Tulsa, of which Association President Luther White is president. Five thousand persons signed petitions requesting that they be candidates. A third, William Melton, president of the former student's association of Oklahoma A. & M. college, was included in the draft.

The strong movement to bring the services of these three men educated in Oklahoma's university and college is indicative of the increasing value of alumni in civic and state affairs, and so repay the state for its expenditure for education.

OUR CHANGING VARSITY

Oklahoma Union approved

The senate committee that investigated the Oklahoma Union at the request of campus merchants reported to the senate that the project is "serving a most useful purpose and has answered a great need of the university," and that it is not a commercial project. The committee, of which Senator MacDonald was chairman, reported as follows, in full text:

We, your special committee, appointed pursuant to the adoption of senate resolution No. 5, herewith submit the following report:

In accordance with the specific instructions and authority, as directed by said resolution, we proceeded to conduct said investigation by having a public hearing, at which hearing the board of governors of the student union council was represented by Messrs J. B. Dudley, John E. Luttrell and Raymond A. Tolbert. The owners of private property were represented by Messrs Ben F. Williams and Homer H. Cowan. More than thirty witnesses were called, examined under oath, and in addition thereto, a vast amount of documentary evidence was offered and introduced.

Without passing upon the legality or illegality of the existence of said corporation, or its right to exact from students a fee for each semester, your committee finds, however, that under, and by virtue of chapter 127 of the session laws of 1923, and pursuant to the enactment thereof, the board of governors of the

IN CALIFORNIA

This is the way the crew of George Heap, '23 sc., M. S. '29, president of the Engineering Trust Co. of Los Angeles, does things on the coast. Mr Heap and John Shelton, '21 eng., sent out this invitation to coast alumni for their annual picnic. As you can see, it's all informal and lots of fun. Mr Heap is president of the Los Angeles Sooner club

Oklahoma Student Union was created, and thereafter, the board of governors of said Oklahoma Student Union and the board of regents of the university entered into a lease contract, and thereafter following a thorough investigation, approved the plan of the student Union building.

The committee further finds that under the rules promulgated by the board of governors, the use of the student Union building is restricted to students, members of the faculty, alumni of the university, their guests, donors to the building fund, and their guests.

Your committee finds that these restrictions have been generally observed. The proof discloses that in a few isolated cases the rules and restrictions were probably violated but, in the opinion of your committee, these isolated infractions of the rules would likely creep in under any scheme, and we do not think the violations by the public in general are sufficient that they would in any manner justify the committee in finding that the building, and its uses, are generally commercial. There are, of course, certain lines of merchandise carried on in this building, which in effect competes with other merchants and business men in and around the university, and down town in the city of Norman, but it is the opinion of the committee that the competition is for the best interest of the student body.

Your committee further finds that from the inception of the undertaking, all of the finances, both in the construction of the building and the revenues derived from the various enterprises carried on therein, have been care-

fully and judiciously safeguarded and expended. The proof shows that monthly audits are made of the accounts of each separate enterprise, and every member of the board of governors furnished with a copy of said audit. The proof further shows that especially Mr Raymond Tolbert, and numerous others of the alumni have given a great deal of their time and means in attempting to carry out the enterprise, and that they have diligently and untiringly worked without hire or expense.

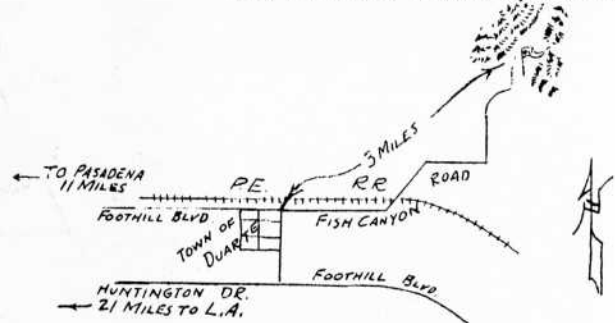
The committee, after hearing the testimony of various and sundry students, as well as the president of the university, is of the opinion that the student Union building is serving a most useful purpose and has answered a great need of the university, not only by furnishing a general center of supplies for the student body, but also is serving as a general "melting pot," so to speak, where the fraternity and non-fraternity groups come together on a common ground, thus serving to promote a more democratic atmosphere both on the campus and in the university generally.

The committee herewith submits and files, as a part of its report, a complete transcript of all the evidence submitted, together with exhibits attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

McDONALD, chairman.
BALLARD,
MEMMINGER,
NICHOLS,
RITZLEY.

O. U. PICNIC
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
Alumni Association.
SUNDAY MARCH 22nd th!
BEAUTIFUL, FISH CANYON.



SEE THE "FISH" IN FISH CANYON.
HIKING! HORSESHOES! WHAT HAVE YOU!
(NO GOLF)

EATS!

BRING BASKET LUNCHES WITH CUPS.
COFFEE WILL BE SERVED.
(NOTHING STRONGER)

TO THE LADIES!

FASHION HINT:

"LOW HEELS ARE THE MODE"
(NOT THE HUSBANDS)

BE ON LOCATION AT 10 O'CLOCK OR AS
SOON AFTER AS YOU CAN GET THE KIDDIES
READY.

COMMITTEE!

GEO. HEAP
FAber 5211
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Maurice Greer Smith

The Nebraska Alumnus in its March issue carries an appreciation of the late Dr Maurice Greer Smith, a graduate of Nebraska in the class of 1922 and head of the anthropology department of the university until his death from typhoid fever last fall.

The appreciation by a classmate, Joseph G. Knapp, follows in part:

As a student or player he was extremely dynamic but his intense nervous energy was generally rationally controlled.

Having completed his work for the doctorate, Maurice accepted a position as assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Colorado. I visited him there in the summer of 1928. He was not entirely satisfied with the position for he wanted to work more exclusively in his chosen field, anthropology. The "break" came in 1929 when he was offered an associate professorship and headship of the department of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma, an opportunity and location without equal to a man who planned to make himself the leading authority on the Indians of North America.

To my great pleasure this past summer fate brought us together again in Washington, D. C. He had been invited to the bureau of ethnology to work over certain valuable manuscripts on the Peyote Indians; unfinished manuscripts which had waited fifty years for a

SOONER CLUB PREXIES

Sooner clubs are taking a lead in alumni affairs and the more Sooner clubs, the better. Here are the officers of three of the most active clubs in Oklahoma. The Tulsa club, of which Earle Sneed, '13 arts-sc., is president, is planning to establish a scholarship for Tulsa high school students. Mr Sneed's photograph is at the immediate right. Next is Lee B. Thompson, '25 arts-sc., '27 law, president of the Oklahoma City club. Below is Person Woodall, '27 law, president of the Norman club, who will be the host-president at the annual commencement party in June



man with great interest and ability. He was alive to the opportunity and although he planned to come back the following summer to do more, his only regret was that the days were so short. He often talked about the Indians he had investigated on field trips, the latest of which had been made prior to coming to Washington with a "grant-in-aid" from the National Research Council. He always respected the Indians and they in turn recognized in him a friend. He planned soon to push his research into Mexico.

Not many weeks after our pleasant talks and "bridge tournaments" last summer, Elna (Mrs Smith) wrote to us that Maurice was in the university infirmary with what the doctors thought was typhoid fever. Shortly afterwards the sad news of his death on October 22 arrived.

Maurice dead—impossible, now that he was walking on the firm earth of recognition as one of the most promising anthropologists in America.

Maurice Greer Smith was not only an intense student but he was a stimulating teacher. He knew the knack of making knowledge in

itself interesting. He had little patience with dullards but gave his energy freely to students of promise. In the classroom he was alert and sympathetic, the "natural born teacher."

Although his friend for ten years I did not realize how much he had accomplished in writing until I began to look over the files of such publications as the *Journal of Social Forces*, the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Sociology* and the *American Anthropologist*. In all of these publications Maurice had contributed many discerning and appreciative reviews and articles.



Faculty

Dr Edward Everett Dale, '11 arts-sc., head of the history department, addressed officials and employes of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. at Oklahoma City February 24 on "Frontier Influence on Present Day Life."

The United States and Russia are emerging as the leading industrial nations of the world, although by converse economic approaches, Dr Nathan A. Court, member of the mathematical faculty, told the Norman Lions club February 24.

Thirty years of active service in the army will soon end the military career of Sergeant Frederick C. Goodwin, member of the R. O. T. C. staff of the university for the past eleven years. For him was held a review of all the cadets of the university unit March 3.

Dr Carl C. Rister, associate professor of history, will teach history at George Washington university this summer.

Dr A. I. Ortenburger, associate professor of zoology and nationally known authority on reptiles, has obtained for the zoology department from the national museum at Washington a collection of rare reptiles and amphibians of foreign countries.

B. A. Botkin, instructor in English and editor of *Folk Say* who has been on

leave of absence at the University of Nebraska will return to Norman to teach in the summer session.

President Bizzell was to discuss the future religious education in the schools at the annual spring meeting of the Tulsa council of religious education April 16.

Dr Forrest Clements, head of the anthropology department, is the author of "The Relation between Skin Color and Tanning" in the April-June issue of *The American Journal of Physical Anthropology*.

Col. John Alley, head of the school of citizenship and public affairs, has been named a member of the constitutional revision committee by Governor Murray.

Dr J. O. Hassler, professor of mathematics and astronomy, has been elected president of the university chapter of Sigma Xi.

Dr A. I. Ortenburger, associate professor of zoology, addressed the North Texas Biological society at Arlington, Texas, March 28 on "Poisonous Animals and their Venoms."

Colonel John Alley, head of the school of citizenship and public affairs in the university, has been named by Governor Murray one of a committee of twenty-one state leaders to suggest revision of the Oklahoma constitution.

Dr A. B. Adams, dean of the college of business administration, addressed the Tri-state wholesale credit men's association at Wichita March 16 on business recovery.

Dr J. J. Rhyne, director of the school of social service, is making a study of the Chickasha lynching (May, 1930) for the national commission on interracial co-operation.

Dr John T. Salter, formerly of the department of government in the uni-

SOONER MAYORS

Here are two Sooner mayors who govern Oklahoma cities. At the right is Holly Anderson, '24 law, mayor of Sand Springs, whose city recently celebrated the opening of the new bridge across the Arkansas river and the dedication of Lorado Taft's statue of Charles Page. Mayor Anderson was a principal figure in these ceremonies. On his right is Jack Foster, ex '29, mayor of Norman, who was recently re-elected. It is a question in Norman which is better known, Jack's own name or the telephone number of his business, «600»



versity and now with the department of government of the University of Wisconsin, has been awarded a Social Science Research council fellowship for study in Europe next year.

Dr Gustav Müller, assistant professor of philosophy, has been named the American editor of *Logos*, German professional philosophy magazine, for the January, 1932 issue.

All R. O. T. C. units of the country will use the textbook now being prepared by Major Edwin P. Parker, commandant of the R. O. T. C. at Norman, and Major Marvin C. Heyser of the field artillery school at Fort Sill.

Lloyd E. Harris, '20 pharm., M. S. '24, professor of pharmacy, is chairman of a committee that has completed a syllabus of courses required by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Other members of the committee include Professor Charles H. Stocking of Michigan and Professor Edward Davy of Western Reserve.

Dean Gilkey

Dean Charles W. Gilkey, chaplain of the University of Chicago, was to speak in Norman under the auspices of the school of religion April 24. The annual state Y. M. C. A. conference will be held at Norman April 24 and 25, and Dean Gilkey is expected to address the visitors.

Reduction

The salary item of the university was reduced by the state legislature by seven and one-half per cent and the maintenance ten per cent. The bills were lumped and were so presented to Governor

Murray. At this time (April 10) the governor has not acted on the bill.

The bill requiring legislative approval of sabbatical leaves of absence was killed. The bill preventing teachers from accepting royalties from books, magazine articles, etc., was also killed. The fraternity tax bill was also killed.

Russian inspection

Five representatives of the Russian soviet republic visited the school of petroleum engineering March 12. They were to visit while in America the petroleum engineering schools of the University of California and of the University of Pittsburgh.

Dormitories

Senator Hardin Ballard, '27 law, of Purcell, introduced a bill in the Oklahoma senate to build dormitory buildings at the university totaling \$900,000.

Social science meeting

One of the most important educational meetings in the state this year was the twelfth annual convention of the Southwestern Political and Social Science association in Oklahoma City April 3 and 4. States represented were Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Twelve faculty members from the university appeared on the program. President Bizzell presided at the annual luncheon. Dr J. F. Zimmerman, president of the University of New Mexico, was elected president. Professor J. P. Allen of the University of Oklahoma was elected third

vice president. President Bizzell is a member of the national board. The name of the organization was changed to that of the Southwestern Social Service association.

High school drama

The annual one-act play tournament sponsored by the school of dramatic art of the university was to be held in Norman April 9, 10, and 11. Elimination contests were held in each of the eight districts of the state, with the following schools as winners: Shidler, Ponca City, Laverne, Hammond, Duncan, Sulphur, and Webbers Falls. Heavener and Idabel were to enter the semi-finals to determine which school was to represent the district.

On tour

Mrs C. H. Clark, hostess of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, has been chosen tour matron of a group of university students who will tour Europe this summer in a student travel club.

Easter vac

Easter holidays at the university began at 5 o'clock Thursday, April 2 and continued until 8 o'clock the morning of April 7.

From Porto Rico

Muna Lee, ex '12, director of the bureau of international relations of the University of Porto Rico, would have enjoyed the debate on her old campus between the University of Oklahoma and

University of Porto Rico debaters April 1. Antonio J. Colorado and Victor Gutierrez won an audience decision representing the affirmative side of the question "That this house is opposed to the principle of prohibition." The negative was represented by Edwin Briggs and Charles Schwoerke.

Sigma Xi election

Sigma Xi announces the election of: Dr Nathan Altshiller Court, associate professor of mathematics; Dr Mark Reuben Everett, professor of biochemistry; Dr Jens Rud Nielsen, professor of physics; Dr Joseph Mario Thuringer, professor of histology; Dr Alvin Louis Turley, professor of pathology and author of the recent University of Oklahoma monograph, "Jake Paralysis;" Dr Fred W. Padgett, professor of petroleum engineering.

Dr J. O. Hassler, professor of mathematics, was named president of the society to succeed Dr William Schriever, professor of physics and first president of the local society. Dr A. O. Weese was elected vice president. Doctor Weese is professor of zoology and succeeds Dr

Alma J. Neill. Dr Lloyd Swearingen, '20 sc., M. S. '21, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

New regent

Malcom Rosser, jr., ex '21, of Muskogee, was named regent of the university to succeed John Rogers, '14 law, of Tulsa, whose term had expired. Governor Murray's appointment was confirmed by the state senate March 30. Mr Rosser is a democrat, having been president of the Muskogee chapter of the Oklahoma League of Young Democrats. Mr Rogers was a republican. Mr Rosser is said to be the youngest man ever appointed a regent, he being twenty-nine years of age. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Junior college debaters

Seventy-nine debaters representing junior colleges debated at the annual Oklahoma Junior College Forensic association tournament at Norman March 30 and April 1, under the supervision of the extension division. T. M. Beaird, '21 arts-sc., director of the town and country

service department of the extension division, presided as toastmaster at the annual banquet the night of April 1. Okmulgee junior college won the tournament.

Strange interlude

Practically one hundred students participated in the Playhouse production of *The Beggar on Horseback* March 27 and 28. At the premier show, the play began at 5 o'clock, with an interlude for dinner from 7 to 8:15.

Art reading room

In keeping with the dignity of the interior of the school of art building, the hallway on the second floor has been converted into a reading room, with wainscoted walls and beamed ceilings.

Greek Comeback

Greek is making a comeback at the university. This semester, 140 students are enrolled in Greek courses, Prof. Joseph F. Paxton, head of the department, states.

FOR ST. PATRICK

The upper view shows the coronation of the queen and the presentation of St. Pat on the steps of the engineering building the morning of Friday, March 13, formally opening the St. Pat celebration. Below, the arrival of Queen Antoinette Halko at the engineering building



GRADUATES IN EMBRYO

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Beta Kappa announced the election on March 26 of six alumni, one honorary, six junior and twenty-four senior members. The alumni elected were: Association Secretary Frank Stuart Cleckler, '21 bus.; Miss Dixie Young, '21 arts-sc., M. A. '22, assistant professor of zoology; Fred Bullard, '21 arts-sc., M. S. '22, associate professor of geology in the University of Texas, Austin; T. M. Beard, '21 arts-sc., director of the department of town and country service of the university extension division; Jesse Lee Rader, '08 arts-sc., M. A. '13, librarian of the university; Charles E. Rogers, '14 arts-sc., professor of journalism and director of the department at Kansas State Agricultural college, Manhattan. Grant Foreman of Muskogee, author, was elected to honorary membership. Dean Woolridge of Oklahoma City was the ranking junior. Other juniors elected were: Norman Futoransky of Oklahoma City; Sam Minsky, of Sapulpa; Jane Burton of Oklahoma City; Jack Fischer of Amarillo, Texas; John Woodward of Walters.

Members of the class of '31 elected were: Carl Albert of McAlester, Rhodes scholar-elect from the Gulf States district; Margaret Brauer of Norman; Waldon Cooley of McKinney, Texas; Maurine Starns Cunningham of Oklahoma City; Robert Drake of Muskogee; Gertrude Flanagan of Norman; Martha Foster of Oklahoma City; Hazel Josephine Graham of Wilson; Elizabeth Hayes of Webster Grove, Missouri; Mary Evelyn Hayes of McLoud; J. Edgar Heston of Westville; Louis Johnson of Norman; Virginia Kramer of Bristow; Catherine Ellen Leavitt of Oklahoma

City; Joseph Lee of Guthrie, Rhodes scholar candidate from the university for 1930 and scholar-elect in psychology at Clark university; Dorothy Manes of Norman; Vivien Milburn of Norman, wife of George Milburn, ex '30, the author; Elsie Montgomery of Darrouzett, Texas; Miriam Moyer of Gage; Charles O'Leary of Norman; John Staley of Oklahoma City; Elizabeth Stewart of Chelsea; Edgar Wardner of Hobart.



Grades

Greek grades took a sharp upward turn last semester, as did the general university average, according to grade summaries released early in April. The lowest women's fraternity average, however, was higher than the highest men's fraternity average.

Taking three as the highest possible grade, representing A, the general average for all university students is 1.003, according to Registrar George Wadsack, ex '15. The average for all women students is 1.4, while that for all men is .829. Five thousand students took 69,883 hours of work, or practically all students in the university carried full work. Women made their highest hour average in B, while the greatest number of hours for men were in the C group. The hour total for the university follows:

	WOMEN	MEN
A	3,637	5,608
B	7,975	12,708
C	5,752	13,604
D	2,192	8,247
E	372	1,436
F	1,277	7,043

The average number of hours carried by each student was fourteen.

The average for the fraternities, with

their ranking the second semester of last year, follows:

POINTS		WOMEN	
		FRATERNITY Last Semester	RANK Second Semester 1930
1.779	Phi Mu	1	13
1.729	Alpha Xi Delta	2	5
1.696	Sigma Delta Tau	3	9
1.682	Kappa Kappa Gamma	4	1
1.604	Delta Delta Delta	5	12
1.581	Kappa Alpha Theta	6	7
1.566	Alpha Chi Omega	7	6
1.553	Delta Gamma	8	2
1.529	Alpha Phi	9	4
1.512	Pi Beta Phi	10	8
1.501	Kappa Upsilon	11	10
1.490	Alpha Omicron Pi	12	11
1.476	Alpha Gamma Delta	13	14
1.384	Chi Omega	14	3
1.365	Gamma Phi Beta	15	15
	MEN		
1.330	Phi Gamma Delta	1	8
1.248	Beta Theta Pi	2	5
1.104	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3	13
1.095	Delta Tau Delta	4	20
1.010	Kappa Sigma	5	12
.985	Sigma Chi	6	14
.927	Lambda Chi Alpha	7	17
.879	Pi Kappa Alpha	8	1
.869	Phi Delta Theta	9	4
.851	Delta Upsilon	10	15
.837	Phi Beta Delta	11	3
.815	Acacia	12	6
.814	Kappa Alpha	13	7
.756	Phi Kappa Sigma	14	10
.736	Sigma Mu Sigma	15	16
.727	Phi Kappa Psi	16	9
.6587	Pi Kappa Phi	17	18
.6586	Sigma Nu	18	11
.593	Alpha Sigma Phi	19	21
.565	Alpha Tau Omega	20	2
.510	Delta Chi	21	19

In *The Sooner Magazine* for November, 1930, page 42, the rankings for the second semester of 1930 include Sigma Alpha Mu, which ranked first. The S. A. M. average was not announced in the interfraternity average, since the fraternity is not a member of that group. Consequently, the rankings given above for the second semester of last year are

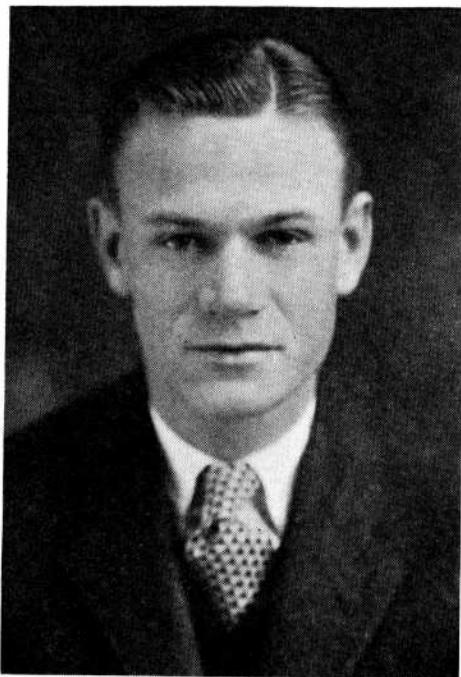
IN MERGER

Two Sooners were affected in a newspaper consolidation at El Paso, Texas, April 2. Dorrance Roderick, '22 journ., left, purchased from his associates in the Lindsay Nunn Co. their interests in the Morning and Sunday «Times» Wallace Perry, '07 arts-sc., right, editor of the «El Paso Post», becomes editor of the «El Paso Herald-Post» as the result of the purchase by the «Post» of the «El Paso Herald» which Mr Roderick had edited



DAILY EDITOR

Dick Pearce, '31 journ., of El Reno, editor of «The Oklahoma Daily», is staying on the job, despite the fact that an inquiry was directed by the men's council at his editorial policy. The inquiry, however, failed to shake confidence of the publication board in this capable young editor



one less than that given in the November issue, in which Sigma Alpha Mu was counted.

Mortar Board prexy

Mrs F. D. Coleman of Lincoln, Nebraska, national president of Mortar Board, inspected on March 14 the university chapter of the honorary fraternity. Delta Delta Delta was her host and Pi Beta Phi gave her a buffet dinner.

Prospector

Miss Gertrude S. Fields, '32 geol., of Norman, looked for the pot of gold and found it. While living in Oklahoma City she heard stories about strikes in the Arbuckle mountains of southern Oklahoma of gold, silver and zinc. Interested, Miss Fields got a divided skirt, a geologist's hammer and a tent and started prospecting in the Arbuckles. As the result of her search, she discovered zinc in the mountains in 1912. Her find was developed commercially, and from the proceeds of such development, Miss Fields has paid her way through the university. After graduation, she intends to develop an oil tract in New Mexico.

Unlucky Friday

Friday the thirteenth of February proved an unlucky day in the calendar of Prof. R. H. Richards, director of the glee club. For on that day, the club he had coached placed third in the annual Missouri Valley competition at Lawrence, Kansas. Washington university placed

first, Bethel college second. In the previous two years, Oklahoma placed first.

Pig dinner

State alumni and other notables attended the annual Norris pig dinner of Phi Gamma Delta in Oklahoma City March 14. The dinner has been celebrated annually during the past twenty-five years in honor of Frank Norris, the author. Speakers included Mike Monroney, '23 journ., president of the Doc & Bill Furniture Co., of Oklahoma City.

Officers

Alvin Muldrow, '32 arts-sc., Norman, was elected vice president of the interfraternity council, succeeding Ernie Hill, '32 journ., resigned. Mr Muldrow is a Beta Theta Pi; Mr Hill, a Sigma Chi.

Hurst Swiggart, '33 law, of Tryon, was elected president of the Athenaen literary society.

On sleep

A note for those who sleep: You can do efficient work on eight or six hours of sleep. Cut it down lower than that and your efficiency will be correspondingly decreased. However, your efficiency will not be materially affected after a period of short sleep if you have several nights of normal sleep. These and other interesting conclusions were reached as the result of the experiments in sleep of a psychology student of the university, John Anthony, '32 arts-

sc., of Tulsa, whose observations cover a period of thirty-three days, in which he observed the effects on his efficiency of varying amounts of sleep.

Like Phi Beta key

While fraternity grades certainly would not admit fraternities into Phi Beta Kappa membership, the badge of interfraternity council members will be a key closely resembling the Phi Beta Kappa key, it has been announced.

Alpha Xi Delta fire

Sparks from the chimney on March 17 caused \$2,500 damage to the Alpha Xi Delta fraternity house at Norman.

Many suspended

Seventy-three students were suspended March 28 by the university for unsatisfactory work.

By radio

It was March 27 before Hicks Epton, university debater, learned the result of the one-man debate he had with a representative of the Kent law school of Chicago there January 25. Epton won the decision, the returns being by radio.

Contract renewed

The athletic association has renewed its contract with the student association for next year to operate all student council dances. The athletic association lost \$1,500 on this year's concession but hopes to make up the loss.

To Mexico al fresco

Hitch hiking to Mexico may not be appealing to all but it was a charming adventure to Bonner Hooks, '33 bus., of Norman, formerly secretary to Association Secretary Cleckler. Mr Hooks left Norman March 21 for Mexico and several days later arrived in Mexico City, where he will continue his education.

The engineer's celebration

On the morning of March 11, it appeared that the long-standing rivalry of the lawyers and the engineers would get into the headlines again. Green shamrocks had been painted on the law barn during the night. Lawyers disclaimed responsibility and green-shirted engineers with turpentine and paint thinner began the hard task of removing the night's symptoms of St. Pat. Lawyers curiously watched the cleaning process and gave oral encouragement, much to

the pleasure of the members of the engineer's club.

The afternoon of the twelfth, Queen Antoinette Halko was found missing. Several young men came to the library where she was working and asked her to come with them. Lawyers quickly disclaimed responsibility. Telephone calls all over the state on the part of engineers soon brought the whereabouts of the queen. She had been taken to Oklahoma City by several lawyers on their own responsibility and was returned to the school that evening after having a pleasant time.

The coronation ceremonies took place the thirteenth on the steps of the engineering building. Dean Felgar, quarter century Sooner, spoke. Dress suits were sparse at the engineer's dance that night. The banquet on Saturday night at the McFarlin Memorial church closed the celebration, generally voted the most successful St. Pat's celebration at the university.

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No Gridiron

Hard times have caused the members of Sigma Delta Chi to postpone what would have been the twelfth annual Gridiron dinner until next year. The Gridiron is the oldest "razz" dinner in Oklahoma. It will not be abandoned by the fraternity, Clarence Frost, '31 journ., president of the chapter, announces.

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Honored

Sam Alexander, '31 eng., Oklahoma City, is one of six students selected from the universities of the United States to receive scholarships awarded annually by Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity. Mr Alexander is a mem-

ber of the university chapter of the fraternity. The scholarship of \$750.00, which begins next fall, entitles him to a year of study at any university in the country. He has chosen the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, where he will do research work on the problem of "Power Transmission and Communication." The winner is a member of Phi Beta Delta, social fraternity; Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary freshman fraternity; Sigma Tau, national honorary engineering fraternity, and Pe-et, university senior honorary leadership fraternity.

Bob Weidman, '31 arts-sc., brilliant language student has received a fellowship in the University of Zürich, Switzerland, where he will go next year to study. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Joseph Lee, '31 arts-sc., brilliant student in philosophy and psychology, has received an unusual distinction in a fellowship in psychology at Clark university. He is a member of Delta Chi fraternity. Usually, such fellowships are for persons holding master's degrees. Mr Lee will read for his master's degree at Clark, however.

All three men were nominated by the university to be candidates in the Rhodes scholarship competition, Mr Alexander having been a candidate two years ago, the others last year. All three are members of Phi Beta Kappa.

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Menless dinners

Sad news for the Kappas, and the Tri Delts and the A. O. Pi's: the pan helenic council has ruled that they may not have Sunday dinner dates for the rest of the semester for infringement of pledging rules.

SOONER TO SOONER

Big Sixteen

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 17.

You will be interested in a project carried out in Milwaukee by alumni of Big Six and Big Ten schools living in Milwaukee.

Alumni of the sixteen schools got together and formed an organization known as the "Big Sixteen" for social purposes. The first social affair held by the group was on February 6, in the form of a dance, which was attended by large groups from each school. Oklahoma had the smallest representation at the dance, but the largest percentage of any school. Three of the four Oklahoma alumni registered in Milwaukee attended the dance. Those present were: Mr and Mrs Leo Morrison, '25 bus and '27 fine arts, respectively, and Kieran Morrison, '26 journ. Ingram X. Calhoun, '28 is the only other Oklahoma alumni registered here.

Plans are being made for another dance to be held shortly after Easter. As a result of the big success of the first dance alumni are eagerly looking forward to the second one. The first dance was literally the "talk of the town" for two weeks before it occurred.

The hall was profusely decorated with pennants of all the schools and the dance had the atmosphere of a regular college affair, minus the drinking.

I look forward each month to the arrival of the *Sooner Magazine*. It furnishes me with the one close link to O. U., and serves to help keep alive the old Sooner spirit.

KIERAN MORRISON, '28.

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In Cairo

Cairo, Egypt, February 1.

It paid me to enroll as a life member in the O. U. Association, for ever since doing so not one number of the magazine has missed me. A record! The *Sooner Magazine* is interesting, something unheard of in today's competition from so many similar angles of life.

Over here in King Tut's habitat the sun pours down his arch rays in golden splendor and it seems hard to realize that the month is February. Up to now I've been most busy at the opera house, so have not seen very many of the large number of interesting things in Cairo. Shall be here at the Royal Opera until March 15, but please always address me and under my Italian stage name, to Milano, Italy cr. American Express.

In Cairo I've had great success in my work. The other first leading tenor got a badly infected leg a month ago. This caused a gap at the opera house. But

GUGGENHEIM FELLOW

Dr Jens Rud Nielsen, professor of physics, and one of the most brilliant physicists in America, was a recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship announced on March 31. Doctor Nielsen, an ex student of Nils Bohr and R. A. Millikan, will work on the Raman spectra and molecular work. He is a native of Denmark and gained his naturalization papers since coming to Norman in 1924. He came to America in 1923 on a Scandinavian-American fellowship



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The curtailment program of Oklahoma athletics kept the team home from the national tournament at Providence, R. I. and the National A. A. U. meet at Grand Rapids, Mich. Director of Athletics Ben G. Owen said the trip would keep the wrestlers too long from their studies.

Wrestling Alumnus Hugh Cunningham had a crack at the world's light-heavyweight championship at Oklahoma City March 14 when he met Champion Charley Fischer. Cunningham held the champion 37 minutes before losing the first fall. After another 20 minutes he lost another fall and a chance for the throne.

Polo

Eastern polo fans may see the University of Oklahoma team in action at the exclusive Intercollegiate Polo tournament at Cedarhurst, Long Island June 13 to 20 if Coach Jerome J. Waters can raise \$3,000 for his team to make the trip. Captain Waters has written to prominent state sportsmen concerning funds. Frank S. O'Reilly of New York, treasurer of the association, wrote to Waters, prominent nationally as a horse-man, asking the Sooner team to enter the tournament. The manager of the Princeton polo team wrote Captain Waters proposing a Princeton-Sooner game as the feature event of Princeton commencement weekend program.

Colorado Aggie malletmen will be in Norman for two games April 9 and 10. Other home matches include two with the University of Missouri April 18 and 20, two with New Mexico Military institute on April 25 and 27, and two with the University of Arizona May 16 and 18. Last year Sooners rode to victory over Missouri, N. M. M. I., and lost to Arizona.

Life seats

Lettermen will now have life-time seats at athletic events with life-time tickets. Athletic Association Member George Wadsack has just received indestructible life passes for lettermen, which will be distributed to those entitled to have them.

Attendance

Total attendance at basketball games this season was 37,244, or about two thousand less than for the year 1929-30, according to Ben G. Owen, director of

athletics. The average attendance at each game was 2,199. The highest attendance was 3,108 at the Oklahoma Aggie game at Norman. The attendance figures for this season were:

Opponents	Here	There
Missouri	2,517	2,592
Kansas	2,193	2,676
Nebraska	2,366	3,073
Kansas State	1,871	2,036
Iowa State	1,871	2,036
Texas, two games	-----	3,000
Bethany	1,989	-----
Southern Methodist, two games	1,598	-----
Washburn	-----	753
Oklahoma Aggies	3,108	3,000
Totals	17,686	19,558

Texas meets

Eight Oklahoma tracksters went to the Southwestern exposition at Fort Worth March 14 for their first outdoor competition of the year and finished in second place when all eight scored points. Miler Dawson got a first place and Bruce Choate was tied for first place in the pole-vault and won second in the high jump. The Sooner mile relay team was third and Mell was second in the broad jump.

Thirteen men were entered in three relays and two field events in the Texas and Rice relays. Their results came too late for this issue.

The Kansas and Drake relays, dual meets with Kansas Aggies, Oklahoma Aggies, and a tentative contest with some state teachers college remain on the Sooner schedule.

Swimming

Every member of the Sooner three-man swimming team placed at the Big Six meet at Kansas City March 14 and

Oklahoma finished in fourth place. Murray McDonald, Oklahoma City, set a new conference record of 1:05 in the 100-yard freestyle, nosed out teammate Captain Shelby Marr to win the 50-yard freestyle and finished second in the 220-yard race. Marr took second in the 50-yard swim and Gene Henry fancied to fourth place.

When the men got back to Norman they met to elect Point Winner McDonald captain of next year's team, then hung up the 1931 suits. Bruce Drake, instructor in physical education, was coach. Members of this year's team own the only four "O"'s given swimmers. Marr, who won the only letter given last year, now wears two stripes.

Conference indoor meet

Track Coach John Jacobs took his squad of 17 to the Big Six indoor meet at Columbia, Mo. March 7 and finished in second place. Nebraska won the meet. Oklahoma nosed out Kansas and Iowa State with points won in late events. This marked the return of Oklahoma to the top section after being jolted to fifth place last year. Sooners had won the three previous annual contests.

Clifford Mell set a new conference record when he broad-jumped 23 feet, 10¼ inches. Other first places were won by the relay team of Potts, Abbott, Cherry and Mell, by Glen Dawson in the mile run, and by Bruce Choate, who tied for first place in the high jump with Lee of Nebraska. Dawson finished second to Iowa State's great Putnam in the two-mile run. Fred Cherry was second best in the quarter-mile and wee Bus Moore finished number 3 in the 880-yard run. Morris was fourth in the broad jump and

CAPTAIN-ELECT



Gordon Graalman, '32, of Blackwell, is the captain of the 1932 Sooner Macketeers. Despite the fact that he was benched the first semester, Mr Graalman made a spectacular record during the period of the second semester, when his ineligibility was removed

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Intramural boxing

The all-school boxing tournament this year brought out some of the best fighters ever seen in a Sooner ring and a record number of 2,000 fight fans came to see the bouts. The tournament was characterized by evenly matched fights, close decisions and numerous knockouts. Charlie Teel successfully defended his heavyweight crown.

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Big Six code

When the faculty representatives of Big Six schools ended their quarter annual meet at Norman late in March the conference had a standard code of athletics which was specially prepared to eliminate subsidization, recruiting and migration of athletes.

The new code says that alumni, friends

and members of athletic staffs will place their schools open to suspension if evidence of recruiting is proved. Recruiting was defined as urging prospective students to enroll without first receiving direct inquiries from the boys; promising employment, loans, scholarships or remissions of fees for prospective students; and indirectly contacting students by suggesting to alumni or friends that they endeavor to recruit them.

The conference officials voted to allow scheduled contests between "B" teams in all branches of sports, leaving the matter optional with each school. Bennie Owen announced that Oklahoma would schedule no "B" team contests.

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Women's basketball

Sorority houses and women's dormitories sent husky teams to the basketball floor of the Fieldhouse for the intramural tournament. In the finals, Robertson Hall outscored Delta Delta Delta 29 to 15 for the school championship.

the board of regents are expected to be guests of the Association at the alumni luncheon June 8.

You should begin to lay your plans to attend now. Certainly, if you have any loyalty to the school, you should show some of it in some way. There has been an amazing silence on the part of alumni during the recent crisis through which the university passed. It is so convenient if you live in Tulsa or Oklahoma City or Ardmore to pack the family in the family car and drive to Norman. Accommodations for you are assured for the three days or for the alumni day, if you can come for only one day.

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For Buchanan fund

The class of '31 has announced that it will contribute to the Buchanan Memorial fund the proceeds of the annual senior class dance May 1, such contribution to be the class memorial. Plans for senior day are being made by Grady Fox, class president.

Solicitation for the Buchanan fund has been held in abeyance by the University of Oklahoma Association, due to the unsettled political condition of the university. The campaign is expected to begin shortly, however.

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Due to curtailed finances, the athletic association of the University of Oklahoma will not have "B" teams next year, Athletic Director Ben G. Owen has announced.

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Broader subject selection and higher accomplishments from candidates for graduate degrees from the university are urged in a report made to Dean Homer Dodge of the graduate school by a committee of which Dr Charles M. Perry, head of the philosophy department is chairman.

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Substitution of the conference plan for the lecture system is urged by Hamilton Holt of Rollins college in *World Unity* for February. "The lecture system is probably the worst scheme ever devised for imparting knowledge. Under the recitation system, the professor is little more than a detective trying to find out the student's degree of unfaithfulness."

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Classes as such will cease at the University of Chicago in adopting a plan somewhat similar to Wisconsin's experimental college. Great new quadrangles will be constructed by the university and around these student life will be centered. Faculty and students will work together, the former in a supervisory way.

Let's return Commencement

What's wrong with Commencement at the University of Oklahoma? Why do alumni not return for it? In Eastern schools the crowds of alumni far exceed the number who return for Homecoming. In fact, Commencement is the big Homecoming.

These questions have been discussed by Association officers during the past year. Commencement should be the big alumni period, if there is any period that should attract former students to the university. And it has not been heretofore.

How shall it be made so this year? How may alumni be induced to return this Commencement?

First step in the program now being planned to draw the largest Commencement crowd in history will be to bring the class of 1906 back to the campus June 7—every member of that group, if possible.

"This year we plan to concentrate on the quarter century classes," states Association Secretary Frank Cleckler. "Of course, we will expect as many others of the five year classes to return as can. But we want to assure one class at least, of a full and complete reunion. And our experience in previous years indicates that it is far better to try and get a complete class turnout instead of small groups of other classes."

The class of '06, then, it is hoped, will have a unanimous return. The Guy Y.

Williamses, loyal members of that class, promise that there will be no lack of good entertainment for their fellow classmates. The program has not been completed, but it is now being planned.

The five year classes, of course, will be those of 1926, 1921, 1916, 1911, 1906, 1901, 1896.

For members of those classes there is a first class Commencement program on the part of the university already prepared; while Norman alumni, hosts to the alumni at the annual party, are to meet April 21 at the call of Person Woodall, '27 law, president of the Norman Sooner club, to lay plans for the entertainment.

The Right Reverend Thomas Casady, bishop of Oklahoma for the Episcopal church, will be the baccalaureate speaker on Sunday, June 7. The alumni party takes place June 8, with the annual meeting of the Association and of the Association executive board. Then there will follow new and interesting features planned by Norman alumni. All alumni programs, it is planned, will be held in the Oklahoma Union building, general headquarters of the Association.

Pat Neff, former governor of Texas and an able speaker, will deliver the Commencement address in the fieldhouse June 9. His speech will be worth any one's time.

President Bizzell and the members of