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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

"Bird in Hand," a play by John Drinkwater, has been selected as the fifth and final Playhouse production of the year. It will be presented late in April by Director Rupel J. Jones.

Josephine Landsittel, Wichita, Kansas, and Mildred Stearley, Oklahoma City, University students, were among four young women selected in Oklahoma to be given screen tests by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. The tests were given in Oklahoma City following a contest in which hundreds of Oklahomans competed for the tests.

Stuart Mark, Oklahoma City, has been named president of Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholastic fraternity. Other officers are Dick Disney, Oklahoma City, vice-president; James Long, Porto Alegre, Brazil, secretary; Norman Hassler, Norman, treasurer; Maurice Clancy, Carter, historian; and Alfred Naifeh, Norman, delegate to the national convention which will be held on the University campus in April.

A few words spoken over WNAD, University broadcast station, recently reunited a University student and his "long lost high school sweetheart," according to the *Oklahoma Daily*. Two months after Orville Goodman, Allen, said his few words, he brought the young lady to the studio to meet the announcers. "She's now Mrs. Orville Goodman," the student said. "She heard me over WNAD and soon we corresponded. Neither had known where the other was. That was just two months ago."

Charles Follansbee, Eufaula, has been elected editor of the 1936 Sooner yearbook. He is business manager of the yearbook that will come out in May.

Dr. S. M. Morison, professor of history at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was to visit the University campus April 10 for a public lecture under

the sponsorship of the Oklahoma Harvard club. M. L. Wardell, '19 as, associate professor of history at the University, was in charge of arrangements for the appearance.

Jim Haning, Wewoka, president of the University League of Young Democrats, was elected college secretary of the state organization at the league's annual meeting at McAlester.

Six hundred persons visited the campus and attended a meeting at the Faculty club during the national convention of the Pan-American Student Forum March 22. A number of University faculty members and students were on the program which was held principally in Oklahoma City.

The St. Pat's celebration in March broke all records for attendance. More than three thousand persons inspected the exhibitions during the annual openhouse. Four hundred attended the banquet at which Carl Magee, Oklahoma City editor, was principal speaker. Queen Verna Holcombe, Fort Worth, Texas, was "kidnaped" this year by her own electors, the engineers. She was taken in custody by leaders of the school to keep her from being kid-

naped by enemy lawyers. The entire program went off without mishap. No green paint was smeared on the law barn and the queen was not lost to the lawyers.

The green snakes on the campus sidewalks, symbolic of those snakes that St. Pat chased out of Ireland, were better looking snakes than usual this year. Out by the Liberal Arts building, there was one large snake labeled "mama" and two little snakes crawled close to her protecting side. Over by the Fine Arts building, two snakes, coming down walks that joined, bumped heads. On the east side of the campus, several of the snakes were named after prominent law students. The snakes were painted this year by Bessie Kniseley, architectural engineer and queen of two years ago; and Lawrence Brock, prominent engineer who was responsible for the engineering edition of *The Sooner Magazine*; and a number of other paint brush artists.

Pearce's Story in Collection

A newspaper story of the Washita flood of a year ago by Dick Pearce, '31 as, reporter for the *Oklahoma City Times*, appears in "News Stories of 1934," a collection of outstanding stories.

Pearce's story describes the Washita flood as seen from an airplane. His story was included in a group selected from Oklahoma newspapers by faculty members of the University school of journalism and submitted to Dr. Frank L. Mott, director of the University of Iowa school of journalism. The collection was released from Iowa City, Iowa.

Doctor Hood Is Norman Mayor

Dr. James O. Hood, '29 med, was elected mayor of Norman during March, defeating Walter Berry, '18 ex, his only opponent.

Dr. Hood, a practicing physician in Norman, has been chairman of the Cleveland

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Thelma I. Whaley, '24art, left, has been appointed to fill a vacancy in the University art school faculty. She took the place of Mercedes Erixon Hoshall, '26art, who resigned this year. Miss Whaley has been teaching art in Austin, Texas. W. C. "Cap" Kite, '16as, Oklahoma City, right, has played an important part on Governor Marland's educational research staff. Recently, he was appointed to membership on the state board of education. He also is a member of the six-man board that is making a study of Oklahoma's educational system.



county democratic organization during the past year. He succeeds O. M. Murray, who held office one term. T. Jack Foster, '29ex, was mayor for the two terms preceding Murray.

Nemecek Wins Westfall Award

Vivian Nemecek, sophomore from Wayne, was presented with a gold watch by Chester Westfall, '16as, Ponca City, past president of the Alumni association, for making the highest grade of any football player last year on the freshman squad.

The Westfall award was formally presented to Nemecek at the final session of spring football practice. Four hundred football fans were in the stadium watching the gridmen engage in an inter-squad game. The presentation was made by Bob Dunlap, former Sooner star who is enrolled this semester at the University.

Nemecek had a grade average of better than "B" during his freshman semesters last year. He earned his letter as a blocking halfback during the past season.

All-Time Enrolment Record Set

The enrolment goal of the past decade has been passed for the first time.

Since last September, 6,023 different students have registered as full-time resident students taking 12 hours or more of regular class work. It is the first time in the history of the University that the 6,000-mark has been surpassed.

Another record was smashed when 5,128 students registered for the spring semester. A number of students who were enrolled for the first semester did not return in February and a number who were not here in the fall registered to make the difference of 895 students.

The previous two-semester record of 5,955 students was set in the year 1930-31.

Since last June there have been 7,019 different students enrolled. This includes the summer session list.

At the present time, Oklahoma county leads all other counties in the number attending the University. The enrolment from Oklahoma county is 1,177. Cleveland county is second with 883 students. Tulsa is third with 302 students. The next

three in order are Pottawatomie with 144, Kay with 127 and Carter with 122.

Delaware county has only one student enrolled, and Wagoner ranks second lowest with five students.

Forty states add 608 students to the enrolment. Texas is high with 248. Kansas is second with 55 and New York is third with 49.

Fifteen students from eight foreign countries are taking courses in the University. There are three students each from Mexico, Persia and South Africa. From Canada, there are two and one each from England, France, Hawaii and Africa.

Phillips and Munson Represent House

Merton Munson, '29as, '31law, Lawton, and Leon C. Phillips, '16law, Okemah, have been appointed to represent the Oklahoma house of representatives in the American Legislators' association.

The purpose of the association is to coordinate the laws of the various states and unify them as much as possible. Other Oklahoma house members on the committee are F. N. Shoemaker, Joe Chambers and T. W. Eason.

Dr. Clements Heads Sigma Xi

Dr. Forrest E. Clements, head of the University department of anthropology, has been elected president of Sigma Xi, fraternity for the promotion of research, and seven members and twenty-six associate members have been elected to the group.

Other new officers of Sigma Xi are Dr. M. O. Wilson, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Loyd E. Harris, professor of pharmacy. An initiation banquet will be held during April.

The seven selected are Dr. Wesley H. Butler, assistant professor of histology and embryology, school of medicine, Oklaho-

ma City; John Richard Carpenter, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Miss Beatrice Gertrude Edwards, research assistant in biochemistry, school of medicine; and Wilbur Cloud, associate professor of petroleum engineering.

And Harold Martin Hefley, Norman; Miss Ruth Ada Holzapfel, half time instructor, department of botany; and Miss Mary Whelan, instructor in biochemistry and pharmacology, school of medicine.

Associate members selected are R. H. Alagood, Jack Engleman, William Patterson and Jackson Sickels, all of Norman; Alice Lee Marriott and Scott Reeburgh, both of Oklahoma City; Norman Hill Boke; Loa Ann Buntin; Grace Clark, Halstead, Essex, England; Howard Cobb, Lawrence, Nebraska; William Corbin, Crescent; Hyman Corman, Dallas, Texas; and Paul Fine, Idabel.

And Joseph Finkelstein, Bristow; Julian Hawes, Stilwell; Orlando Jantz, Ringwood; William A. Matthews, Pittsburgh, Kansas; Samuel Marsh, Fort Stockton, Texas; Charles Mount, jr., Grandfield; Paul Phillips, Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Mrs. Viola Pittman Russell.

And Kermit Sonney, Wilcox, Pennsylvania; William Strain, Pryor; Hugh M. Thralls; Jay B. Wharton, McKittrick, California; and George Latham Yates, Bartlesville.

Milburn Banquet Speaker

George Milburn, '31ex, was scheduled to be the principal speaker at a Five Star Final banquet sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, April 3 in the Oklahoma Union.

Milburn, who has returned to Coweta after several months abroad on a Guggenheim fellowship, was to speak on "Foreign Matter in My Eyes." Walter Harrison, "Skipper" of the *Daily Oklahoman* and

Oklahoma City Times, was to be toast-master.

National Convention on Campus

The national convention of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic fraternity, will be held April 23 and 24 on the University campus.

Delegates from the more than thirty Phi Eta Sigma chapters in the country will attend the two-day meeting. National officers of the fraternity also will be in Norman during both days.

M. L. Wardell, '19as, associate professor of history at the University, is national historian of Phi Eta Sigma. He is assisting the local chapter, of which he is faculty adviser, in making arrangements for the convention.

Delta Taus Win Grade Cup

Phi Gamma Delta's long domination of the University fraternity scholarship trophy was broken by Delta Tau Delta during the first semester of this school year.

Delta Tau Delta had a high average of 1.524 in comparison with 1.459 for the Phi Gams, second place winners. Until this fall, Phi Gamma Delta had won the cup eleven times during the past twelve semesters.

A protest has been filed asking a re-tabulation of the averages.

The new scholarship rating follows:

Delta Tau Delta	1.524
Phi Gamma Delta	1.459
Sigma Alpha Mu	1.392
Phi Beta Delta	1.315
Beta Theta Pi	1.292
Kappa Sigma	1.229
Phi Delta Theta	1.211
Sigma Chi	1.203
Pi Kappa Alpha	1.198
Sigma Nu	1.166
Kappa Alpha	1.1418
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1.1413
Delta Upsilon	1.077
Acacia	1.008
Phi Kappa Psi	.888
Phi Kappa Sigma	.856
Theta Kappa Phi	.850
Lambda Chi Alpha	.829
Alpha Sigma Phi	.820
Alpha Tau Omega	.817
Pi Kappa Phi	.770
Delta Chi	.408

Fraternity Tax Case Up May 7

Efforts to place fraternity and sorority property on Cleveland county tax rolls will reach a second of three stages May 7 when protests against taxation are heard by County Judge Richard T. Pendleton, '26 law, Norman.

The county treasurer, Maurice Crownover, '26ex, already has placed the property on rolls for taxing purposes. A protest was filed by Fisher Ames, '30law, and Coleman Hays, '24as, '26law, attorneys for the fraternities.

If County Judge Pendleton upholds the county treasurer, the case will be taken to

the supreme court for a decision, Ames announced.

Aubrey Moses, '26as, '28law, county attorney, and Paul Updegraff, '30law, ex-county attorney and special attorney, will present the case for the county.

Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta have been selected as the three Greek organizations that will be used in the test case. If their case is lost, all fraternities and sororities will be required to pay taxes.

Kendall Visits Oklahoma

Willmore Kendall, '27as, Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, England, returned to the United States and to Oklahoma late in March to spend his spring vacation.

He will return to England in April to resume studies. Kendall is resident at Pembroke college. When he completes his work at Oxford University, he will be employed by the United Press bureau at Madrid, Spain.

Young Graduate Is Vice-President

R. D. Robey, jr., '30as, Tulsa, has become vice-president of an oil company and vice-president of a drilling company during the short interval of four and one-half years since he was graduated from the petroleum engineering school at the University.

He is vice-president of both the Olsen Oil company and the Olsen Drilling company at Tulsa. The Olsen concern is one

of the largest and most successful producers, especially in Kansas, where it owns a large part of the Burrton field.

Sharpe's Second Movie Out

Ernest Sharpe, '27as, who is Erik Rhodes in the movies, appeared in a second motion picture released recently.

He was co-starred with Warner Oland in *Mr. Chang in Paris*. Rhodes played a character part in the murder mystery and turned out to be the co-murderer whom the inimitable Charlie Chang sought to bring to justice.

Rhodes' first picture was *The Gay Divorcee* in which he was co-starred with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The former campus actor and member of Phi Delta Theta is under a five-year contract in Hollywood.

Dean Johnson Is Honored

A banquet honoring D. B. R. Johnson for his fifteen years of service as dean of the University pharmacy school was held April 5 on the campus.

All graduates of the University school of pharmacy were issued invitations for the event. Deans of all pharmacy schools in the country also were invited to attend.

Ned Milligan, secretary of the state board of pharmacy, and E. E. Duncan, '23pharm, president of the graduate druggists association of Oklahoma, were principal speakers at the dinner in the Oklahoma Union.

New Phi Beta Kappas

DR. KENNETH E. CROOK, '25bs, '26M.S., and D. Edward "Bill" Hodges, '25as, '27law, were elected to honorary membership recently in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

These two prominent alumni who were graduated ten years ago were selected as the active chapter of Phi Beta Kappa named twenty-six seniors, six juniors and two graduates of the 1934 class for membership in the highest ranking scholastic fraternity.

Doctor Crook is an assistant professor of chemistry at the University. He was granted his Ph.D. degree in 1930 at the University of Wisconsin. Hodges was for three years United States assistant district attorney.

Margaret Linebaugh, '34as, Muskogee, and Dorothy McBrayer, '34as, Oklahoma City, also were selected for membership.

The junior students who were elected are, in the order of their scholarship:

Katherine Rader and Maxine Appleman, both of Norman; Virginia Ann Heninger, Oklahoma City; Wesley Kitchens, Cheyenne; Max E. Johnson, Supply; and John Horwitz, Oklahoma City.

The seniors elected are:

Nelle Fuller, Mildred Gossett, James Hawes, Robert Knight and Richard Roys, all of Norman; Helen Hough, William McBee, Burnie Merson, Joe Sureck and John Wieland, all of Oklahoma City; Robert Alagood, San Angelo, Texas; Luther Brawner, Hooker, Texas; Hyman Corman, Dallas, Texas; Mark Cox, Talihina; Susie Fine, Idabel.

And Anna Belle Fries, Bristow; Mary Gittings and Charles Mount, both of Grandfield; Winifred Ketchum, Tulsa; James Major, Cullman, Alabama; Ed McCurtain, Duncan; Allie Moore, Weleetka; Opal Murray, Denver, Colorado; Jackson Scovel, Larned, Kansas; Robert Slover, Prague; and Joe Stocker, Bartlesville.