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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

The University of Oklahoma held its place as the twenty-fourth largest institution of higher learning in the United States, according to statistics printed during December in *School and Society*, national educational magazine.

The University is the second largest school in the southwest and the largest in the Big Six conference, according to statistics collected from more than five hundred of the nation's leading colleges and universities. The University held an identical position when enrolment figures were compared last year at this time.

The need for new buildings on the University campus was discussed this fall when state legislators who are graduates of the University met in the Oklahoma Union. Overcrowded classroom and laboratory conditions were discussed by the legislators and the need for new building facilities, especially in the natural sciences departments, was studied.

The third annual radio play writing contest, sponsored by Phantom Mask, national radio drama organization at the University, will close February 2. A small cash prize is being offered this year for the best original radio drama submitted. Radio plays must be limited to 45 minutes in length and two copies must be submitted. They should be addressed to Homer Heck, University of Oklahoma, Norman. The contest is open only to residents of Oklahoma.

Distribution of handbills asking for immediate action to modify the "no date" rule of the University failed to arouse much interest just before the Christmas holidays. The handbills, which were distributed anonymously by persons not enrolled in the University, stated that the administration of the University had refused to consider the results of a student election which asked that the "no date"

rule be abolished. Actually, the student petition had not been considered since the board of regents has not met since the student election was held.

Engineering students already are making plans for their openhouse and St. Pat's Day celebration in March. All the engineering laboratories will be open for public inspection and engineering accomplishments will be displayed by students in the college during the annual three-day exhibition.

Six students who are members of the legislature took examinations a week early in order to be on hand when the legislature convened. All of them intend to return to the University and continue with their university work when the legislature has adjourned.

Another session of fraternity and sorority rush will be held early in February when the second semester is scheduled to get under way and several hundred new students register for classes.

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A new Oklahoma Union cafeteria manager took over the management of the cafeteria after the Christmas holidays. She is Mrs. H. W. Lomax and succeeded Mrs. Jeanette Hawks who resigned and was married. Mrs. Lomax has been on the cafeteria staff for several years.

Mrs. Hawks' resignation left an intramural athletic team without a name. Student workers in the Oklahoma Union cafeteria entered intramural sports competition with a team known as the Student Union Hawks. The Hawks walked away with the all-school wrestling tournament this fall and have one of the strongest non-varsity athletic organizations on the University campus.

Charles "Snooky" Van Hosen, Tulsa, broke one record and won three first places in the intramural swimming meet in December to give Delta Tau Delta the tank championship. He will not be eligible for varsity competition until next year.

Jeff Coker, star end on the Sooner football team, and Joyce Hutchison, sophomore beauty queen, were married less than a week after the football season closed. Coker, whose home was in Lawton, has played two years on the football team. The former Miss Hutchison, of Laurel, Mississippi, was winner this year of several health awards in the physical education department contests. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and she is a member of Delta Gamma.

▲ Education Committee at Work

The education committee, appointed recently by Governor E. W. Marland to make a survey of state institutions of higher learning, has been conducting researches into the operation of state schools and plans to make a report within the next month.

Three of the five committee members are alumni of the University. They are

W. C. "Cap" Kite, '16as, chairman, of Oklahoma City; Joe Mathews, '20as, Pawhuska; and Chester Westfall, '16as, Ponca City. The other two committee members are Mrs. Kate Gault Zaneis, Ardmore, and Mrs. Jane Clark, Ponca City.

Various phases of university and college administration, teaching loads, enrolments, expenses and many other important details of school administration are being studied.

Missouri Librarians Elect Howard

Paul Howard, '27as, librarian at the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Rolla, was elected second vice-president of the Missouri Library association this fall at its annual meeting at Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

He also is chairman of the Junior Librarians, a group comprising librarians under thirty-five years old. It is the first organization of its kind in the United States and has as one of its projects a survey of unemployment among librarians.

John Skelton, '30as, '31lib-sci, head of the loan department at the University of Missouri, Columbia, is also a member of the Junior Librarians committee.

Besides Howard, there are three other Sooner graduates connected with the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla.

G. O. Ranes, '21eng, is an associate professor of electrical engineering at the Missouri school. Howard's wife, Lois Watson Howard, was graduated from the University in 1927. Dorothy Swank, '31as, '32lib-sci, is cataloger in the School of Mines library.

"The four of us are always interested in knowing of the old 'grads,' where they are and what they are doing," Professor Ranes writes.

Oh, So You Won't Talk

Wilmer Ragsdale, '34eng, barely got out of making an impromptu address over a nation-wide NBC hookup the other morning, but he's liable to go on the air any morning now.

Ragsdale recently became a technical director of the NBC station in Chicago. The first morning he was in charge of the technical side of the broadcast, the "chief breakfast clubber" on the "Breakfast Club program" jokingly asked the NBC audience, "Do you notice any difference in our program this morning? Does it sound any worse or any better? We'd like to know because we have a new monitor in the studio.

"He hails from out in Oklahoma and New Mexico and you should hear him talk. Mr. Ragsdale, how about saying good morning to the nation."

After a short pause, the chief breakfast clubber announced that Ragsdale wouldn't talk for them this morning.

"But we'll get him on the air one of these mornings. You'll be crazy about his drawl. We sit around and listen to him by the hour."



Carlsbad Barristers

A note in the "Good Morning" column of a recent edition of the *Carlsbad Current-Argus*, Carlsbad, New Mexico, announced that: "Five Carlsbad barristers, proctors and advocates—lawyers to youse guys—are graduates of the same law school (O.U.). Reading from left to right they are Don McCormick, Jim Stanger, Melvin Neal, Caswell Neal and Barney Burns."

Joe Benton

The following comment on Joe Benton's Chicago Civic opera debut was carried in *Time*, weekly news magazine:

"Giuseppe Bentonelli was Joe Benton from Sayre, Okla., who frankly admits that he changed his name to make it sound bigger abroad. Joe Benton was a Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Oklahoma in 1920. As a singer he was a pupil of the late great Jean de Reszke, a protégé of Chicago's old Kate Buckingham who gave Grant Park its fountain. Kate Buckingham gave Joe Benton a big champagne party after his début last week in *Tosca*. Critics praised a new tenor who had a high clear voice and could act."

Cole Is KWKY Engineer

Bryan Cole, '34eng, recently became chief engineer for KWKY, Westinghouse radio broadcasting station at Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Dorota Love Cole, '33ed, recently joined her husband in Pennsylvania, resigning from a teaching position in Oklahoma. They were married in November in Chicago where Cole was employed by the United Airways.

Miriam Dearth, '32voice, will sing the leading title part when the grand opera "Carmen" is presented April 2 and 3 at the University. Miss Dearth last season was a success during the Albuquerque, New Mexico, opera season. She is a former Atwater-Kent district contest winner.

Cole was chief technician for WNAD, University station, during the last three years. He installed the station in its present studio in the Oklahoma Union and helped build much of the equipment.

Nichols Heads Anadarko Group

C. V. Nichols, '14pharm, '14bs, '17as, recently was elected president of the Anadarko chamber of commerce. Nichols is a druggist in Anadarko and a member of the firm of Nichols and Brack. His election was unanimous.

Humphreys Is Young Demo Officer

Joe Bailey Humphreys, who was president of Kappa Kappa Psi, honorary band fraternity, when he was at the University three years ago, has been elected secretary of the Young Democratic association of Texas.

Humphreys is practicing law in Dallas and is associated with the Joseph Bailey law firm. Texas Democratic headquarters are in the Adolphus Hotel.

Mother of Three Alumni Dies

The mother of three prominent alumni, Mrs. C. A. McReynolds, died during November at her home in Oklahoma City and was buried at Stillwater.

Her sons who were graduated from the University are F. E. McReynolds, '08as, teacher at Poteau; Edwin McReynolds, '22as, '26M.A., teacher at Coffeyville, Kansas; and Sam McReynolds, '25fa, musician and orchestra director, Oklahoma City.

Dr. DeLozier to Iowa City

Dr. Leonard C. DeLozier, '29bs, completed internship at the Wesley Memorial hospital in Chicago during December and has been added to the staff of the State University hospital at Iowa City, Iowa.

He has been appointed resident physician in the department of otolaryngology and oral surgery. The service will be for the next twenty-seven months.

Association Finances

By FRANK S. CLECKLER,'21

Secretary-Treasurer

THE following is the report of an audit by Charles H. Allen, C.P.A., of the Receipts and Disbursements of the University of Oklahoma Association for the fiscal year September 1, 1933, to August 31, 1934.

CURRENT FUND		
SEPTEMBER 1, 1933, TO AUGUST 31, 1934		
Balance September 1, 1933, in custody of		
The University of Oklahoma	\$ 719.16	
Trustees of O. U. Life Membership Trust	4,568.37	5,287.53
<i>Receipts</i>		
Annual Membership Subscriptions	2,960.00	
Advertising — <i>The Sooner Magazine</i>	2,215.59	
Dishonored Checks Redeposited	40.65	
Income from Investments, O. U. Life Membership Trust	251.29	
Miscellaneous	50.65	5,518.18
		10,805.71
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Salary, Secretary, 11 Months at \$125.00	1,375.00	
Salary, Editor of <i>The Sooner Magazine</i> , 2 Months at \$60.00	120.00	
Commission and Expenses, Selling Advertising	369.00	
Traveling Expenses	332.05	
Miscellaneous Expenses	225.02	
Printing <i>The Sooner Magazine</i>	2,336.33	
Checks Returned by Banks	103.65	
Executive Board Expense	24.65	
Athletic Association	281.45	5,167.15
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		5,638.56
Transferred to O. U. Life Membership Fund, Order of the Executive Board, November 4, 1933		3,500.00
Balance Available in Current Fund		2,138.56
Deposited with University of Oklahoma	826.45	
Deposited with Trustees of O. U. Life Membership Trust for Investment	1,312.11	2,138.56
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND		
SEPTEMBER 1, 1933, TO AUGUST 31, 1934		
Balance in Custody of Trustees of O.U. Life Membership Trust, Sept. 1, 1933		6,328.65
To Adjust for Collection Expenses		1.85
Adjusted Balance, September 1, 1933		6,330.50
<i>Receipts</i>		
Collections on Life Membership Pledges	290.50	
Sale of State Warrants	2,764.00	
Transfer from Current Fund of the University of Oklahoma Association by action of the Executive Board in meeting of November 4, 1933		3,500.00
		12,885.00
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Purchased State Warrants, above		2,764.00
Balance in Custody of Trustees of O. U. Life Membership Trust, August 31, 1934		10,121.00

It has been the consistent policy of the Association since its reorganization in 1928 to keep the Association budget within its income, even during recent years, which have been such difficult ones for organizations of this kind. The current report is encouraging as it shows an increase in revenues for the first time since 1930-31.

The principal sources of revenue are annual membership subscription dues and the sale of advertising in *The Sooner Magazine*. A comparison of receipts from these sources for the past two years shows that in 1932-33 we collected \$2,714.00 in Association dues and \$2,960.00 in 1933-34. Collections for the sale of advertising in 1932-33 were \$2,019.27, and \$2,215.59 in 1933-34.

All payments on Life Memberships are placed in a separate trust account under the supervision of Errett R. Newby, Tom F. Carey, and Neil R. Johnson. In accordance with the terms of the trust agreement, only the income on this fund can be used for Association purposes. The book value of the funds in custody of the trustees as of September 1, 1934, was \$11,468.16. Since the trust was organized, funds have been invested only in high grade bonds. The trustees are required by the trust agreement to invest only in bonds, real estate mortgages, or other securities in which funds of savings banks or trust companies are required by law in this state to be invested. No real estate mortgages have been purchased. Your officers hope to be able greatly to increase the number of life memberships and thus to create an endowment for the Association which will assure its financial stability.

Perhaps more important even than creating a sufficient endowment fund through life memberships is the increasing of the number of annual memberships. Not more than ten per cent of graduates are now active members of the Association. We must have more members. The Association must be more representative and additional revenues from memberships will make possible a much more effective program of service to alma mater and its alumni.

Won't you help your Association by urging all Sooners of your acquaintance to become active members? A new membership appeal outlining the functions and service program of the Association is in the mails. A personal word from you will be a great help.

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Announcing: Charles Alvin Rountree

Announcement that a son, Charles Alvin, was born to Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Rountree, Oklahoma City, January 4, has been made.

Mrs. Rountree, the former Kitty Shanklin,'23as, is a member of the Alumni association executive board and has been active in University of Oklahoma affairs since she entered the University. Dr. and Mrs. Rountree live at 2038 N.W. 19th Street in Oklahoma City.