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Oklahomans at home and abroad

Soonerland in Brief

Pi Kappa Alpha captured the intramural sports championship during the past school year, holding a slight advantage over Phi Delta Theta at the close of the fifteen-event intramural program.

Senior class marshalls, selected by the various faculty members of each college, this year were Kenneth Baird, Norman, business administration; Mildred Futoransky, Oklahoma City, education; Leslie Pain, Carnegie, law; William Bednar, Chickasha, engineering; Elzia Cook, Lawton, fine arts; Robert W. Richardson, Norman, pharmacy; Jackson Kinnebrew, Oklahoma City, arts and sciences. Honorary marshalls elected by members of the class were Vivian Knox Parsons, Enid, and James Major, Cullman, Alabama.

The men's council, upholding all the traditions of student councils of days past, has had one too many squabble on the campus. One party elected its slate and the other party cried "cheaters." Both organized councils and declared themselves official. The Administrative council of deans sent them a message proclaiming that neither was official, nor would be until organization into a "representative body" was effected.

Summer session enrolment at the University is 1,775 students with a few late comers expected to bring the total close to 1,800. This is approximately 1,000 greater than last summer.

Rev. E. Nicholas Comfort, director of the Oklahoma School of Religion, has contributed a Sunday morning column dealing with religious discussions to the *Oklahoma Daily* during the past semester.

Delta Tau Delta was given the University scholarship cup following an investigation by faculty members after it was charged that "trickery" was used by the Delts in scoring the highest scholastic average.

John O'Neil, Oklahoma City art student, was declared winner of the Letzeiser medal for the art student who showed the most advancement during the year.

Thirty-nine students were granted two degrees each at June commencement exercises. Twenty-two of them were medical students, nine law students, six pharmacy students and two received bachelor of architecture and bachelor of science degrees.

Dan Jones, Collinsville, was the youngest student granted an M.A. degree. He entered the University when he was 15, got a B.A. when he was 19 and his M.A. in June at the age of 20. He has been granted a scholarship to the University of Chicago where he will work toward a Ph.D. degree this summer and next year. He will do his major work in geology.

Dr. Marcus Wilson Jernegan, well known University of Chicago historian, was a speaker on the campus early in June. He told University summer session students about the "new dealers of the American revolutionary period." His visit

was sponsored by the University history department.

Dr. Charles M. Perry, Dr. L. B. Hoisington and Dr. Gustav Mueller are the speakers at three Philosophy Forum meetings this summer on the campus. Dr. Perry and Dr. Mueller are members of the University philosophy department staff, while Dr. Hoisington is head of the department of psychology.

A ten-inch telescope will be installed in the University observatory for fall use. It will facilitate advanced research work in astronomy at the University. The telescope was acquired through the efforts of Dr. J. O. Hassler from the Yerkes observatory, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The LaVerne Noyes scholarship fund for persons, or their descendants, who served in the World war was recently replenished by a sum of six hundred dollars. The fund is administered through the University and is used to pay the incidental enrolment fees of students who qualify for aid.

Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen from Verona" will be produced at the University outdoor auditorium July 26 under the direction of John Dunn, assistant professor of dramatic art.

The University R.O.T.C. department was again rated "excellent" by national inspecting officers. It was acclaimed "probably one of the best in the United States."

Use of the University's recently acquired forty acres of land southeast of the campus was made this summer when intramural soft ball games were played on new diamonds. A nine-hole golf course, with par at thirty-two, is being laid out for use in the fall.

▲ Fraternity Tax Will Be Appealed

Fisher Ames, '30 law, and Coleman Hays, '24 as, '26 law, attorneys for University fraternities which have been held taxable by

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County Judge Richard Pendleton, '26law, will appeal the case to the state supreme court.

Judge Pendleton, after hearing evidence, ruled that University fraternities were neither charitable, educational nor religious institutions and should not be exempt from paying taxes.

Cases of Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi were heard by Judge Pendleton and will be the tests for all of the thirty-four organizations on the campus. Should the supreme court uphold Judge Pendleton, the organizations, owners of one million dollars worth of property in Norman, would be forced to pay back taxes for two and one-half years.

The tax for each fraternity would range between six hundred and a thousand dollars a year.

A similar case is being tried against two sororities at Oklahoma A. and M. college. The two fraternity tests here and the two sorority tests there will be reviewed by the supreme court at the same time.

Wichita Alumni Active

The O. U. Alumni club at Wichita, Kansas, regularly has been having an attendance of between twenty-five and thirty members at its meetings.

Under the leadership of Edwin A. Dawson, '26geol, the group planned a picnic this spring and will have other social events on its summer schedule. The O. U. alumni of Wichita hope to get a larger proportion of the ninety Sooners living in Wichita to succeeding meetings.

Thornthwaite Division Chief

Dr. C. W. Thornthwaite, assistant professor of geography at the University who is on leave of absence in Washington, D.C., has been appointed chief of a new division in the United States department of agriculture.

The new position, which will be permanent, is chief of the newly organized division of climatology and physiography of the soils erosion service, United States department of agriculture.

Dr. Thornthwaite for the past year has been active in Washington, making a study of population redistribution. It will be complete by fall to allow him to assume the new position.

Ralph Wallace in "Post"

A photograph of Ralph Wallace, '23ex, San Diego, appeared in the March 11 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*. Wallace, who in the fall led the republican ticket in California in being elected to the state legislature, was mentioned in a *Post* article as the only assemblyman who has consistently opposed the Townsend plan.

The article entitled, "If Money," was written by Stuart N. Lake. It told the story of the progress of the Townsend plan in California. Wallace, a San Diego attorney, is spending his first term in the California assembly. His campaign in the

fall was managed by Fred Wallace, '25ex, his brother, who was a star for three years on Sooner basketball teams. The younger Wallace was county attorney in El Reno upon leaving the University.

Brandt Heads Phi Beta Kappa

Joseph A. Brandt, '21as, director of the University Press, has been elected president of the Oklahoma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity, for the coming year. Brandt succeeds Dr. S. W. Reaves, dean of the college of arts and sciences, as head of the group.

J. L. Rader, '08as, '13M.A., University librarian, was elected vice-president, to succeed Fayette Copeland, '19as, associate professor of journalism and director of University publicity. Miss Grace Ray, '20as, '23M.A., assistant professor of journalism, was re-elected secretary.

Neil Johnson Elected President

Neil Johnson, '15as, '17law, of Norman, rancher-stockman, was elected president of the Stadium-Union Memorial Fund board at a meeting during the commencement-homecoming celebration on the campus.

Other officers selected to serve during the coming year were Dr. W. B. Bizzell, vice-president; Frank S. Cleckler, '21as, secretary; and R. W. Hutto, '10as, treasurer.

"After Coronado" on Book List

After Coronado, the story of Spanish exploration northeast of New Mexico, 1696 to 1727, has been released on the spring publishing list of the University of Oklahoma Press.

Its author, Dr. Alfred Barnaby Thomas, is an associate professor of history at the University. The volume includes documents from the archives of Spain, Mexico and New Mexico. They have been translated and edited by Dr. Thomas.

A previous volume by Dr. Thomas, *Forgotten Frontiers*, a study of the Spanish Indian policy of Don Juan Bautista de Anza, Governor of New Mexico, 1777 to 1787, is included on the list of the University Press.

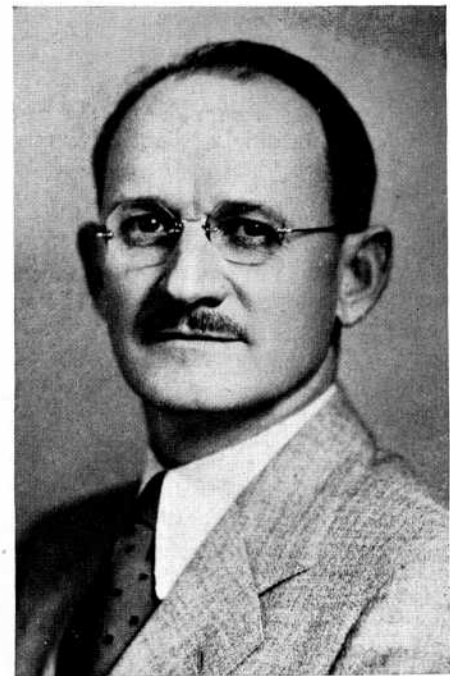
James Ledbetter Dies

James Alva Ledbetter, '27law, died May 27 of a heart attack at his home in Perry.

Ledbetter was elected to three terms as judge of Noble county and retired during the first part of this year to engage in private practice. He is survived by his wife, Mary Catherine Moomau Ledbetter, a graduate of the University in 1925. Both were outstanding University students, Ledbetter being a member of Acacia.

Miss Dowell in New Mexico

Martha Jane Dowell, '34as, has accepted a position on the staff of the *Daily Current-Argus*, Carlsbad, New Mexico, newspaper edited by Ed Kerrigan, '23as. Miss Dowell, who last year was women's editor



Two new officers of the Alumni association executive committee are Earl Foster, '12as, '13 law (above), Oklahoma City attorney, and Lowry H. Harrell, '16law, Ada attorney. Mr. Foster was chosen president and Mr. Harrell first vice-president at the annual commencement-homecoming session on the campus.

of the *Oklahoma Daily*, was a feature writer for the *Oklahoma City Times* until she went to New Mexico. Her home is in El Reno.