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Oklahomans at home and abroad

The cover

October, to anyone who attended the University and liked it, means football. The cover picture shows a section of Memorial Stadium as it looks with the crowd intent on watching a tense situation in the game. ▲

Campus spreads

Or more accurately, the buildings spread. Students returning to school this fall found they had to study class schedules carefully in many cases in order to find their way about the campus.

"BA" and "Bi" were new on the list of buildings in the class schedules. They stand for the new Business Administration and Biological Science buildings.

The Union has a tower on it, the power plant has been improved with addition of new equipment, a \$21,000 swimming pool has been completed, two new buildings have been added to the R. O. T. C. plant, petroleum engineering equipment has been expanded, and numerous improvements have been made at the Stadium and intramural field.

After years of losing ground in the struggle to keep the University's physical plant on a par with the increase in enrollment, the University has begun to gain a little. Some classes still will meet, perforce, in rooms built under the west wing of the stadium. ▲

Jobs wanted

University officials in early September were hoping fervently that the NYA would increase the institution's student job quota already set at 607.

Three thousand prospective students, all of whom certified they must have part-time work in order to attend school, applied for those 607 jobs.

Drouth conditions in the state caused a great increase in the number of students

seeking work, President Bizzell explained.

He appealed to Norman residents who could provide part-time work to list their jobs with University employment agencies. ▲

Salary increase urged

Faculty members were pleased when State Budget Officer R. R. Owens announced that he will recommend salary increases for the staffs of the University and the state colleges, at the next session of the legislature.

He will recommend first that restoration of depression wage cuts be carried out on salaries in the lower brackets, he said.

Owens said he also would urge that the legislature authorize a program of several million dollars' worth of building at educational and eleemosynary institutions, with aid of the Public Works administration.

Owens' announcement that he would recommend a gradual restoration of former wage levels, with the lower brackets of salaries receiving attention, came after he had conferred with President Bizzell concerning the University's budget needs

for the next biennium, beginning July 1, 1937.

Owens said that teachers are the only class whose salaries have not been restored after they had worked several years at "depression pay." Through appropriations of the last session of the legislature, capitol workers' pay has been restored to former levels, he pointed out.

"Educators' salaries were reduced by the legislature in 1931, again in 1933, and some took wage cuts totaling 33 per cent," he said.

"I've found cases where professors have been forced to mortgage their homes, and later let them go at foreclosure, because they couldn't make both ends meet on their reduced salaries. With living costs back at pre-depression levels, they are trying to struggle along on depression salaries.

The board of regents at its September meeting authorized President Bizzell to present the institution's budget request for the next biennium to the state budget officer. No details on the budget were released, but it was believed certain that salary increases would be sought.

Owens has been quoted as stating that a building program calling for expenditure up to \$10,000,000 is needed by Oklahoma institutions, but he added that the budget figure probably will be cut far below that amount.

In September he was preparing two reports on buildings for institutions, one calling for expenditure of state funds alone, and the other based on hope that PWA grants can be obtained from the federal government.

Owens said that the University needs additional space, in spite of the recent addition of the business administration and biology buildings, and said that a petroleum building is next in line for the University.

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With the new tower completed, the Oklahoma Union building takes on the pleasing and imposing architectural lines originally designed for it. The tower looms higher than any building in Norman except the McFarlin Memorial church. Most of the space in the tower will be used by WNAD radio station. A master clock with faces on all four sides of the tower was being installed as this photograph was made.



World war is over

The first master's degree in German awarded by the University since the close of the World war was presented at the close of the summer session to Sibylla Andrews, Kingfisher.

Heavy duty

The state attorney general was hastily called into consultation when a \$250 microscope purchased in England for the University was held up for payment of \$150 customs duty. The attorney general ruled the University would have to pay.

Vaughan heads college

John Vaughan, '24as, '27M.A., resigned August 19 as state superintendent of schools and immediately was appointed by the state board of education to the position of president of the Northeastern State Teachers college, Tahlequah.

Gov. E. W. Marland then appointed A. G. Crable, '27M. A., as state superintendent. Mr. Crable has been head of the correspondence school at A. and M. college, Stillwater,

Mr. Vaughan, who served as state superintendent nine years, will receive a salary of \$4,500 a year at Tahlequah, \$500 a year more than he received as state superintendent.

Mr. Crable, the new superintendent, received his B.A. degree from Austin college, Sherman, Texas, and after starting his graduate work at the University of Texas, finished it at the University of Oklahoma and received his master's degree here.

He served as state high school inspector from 1924 until 1929 when he went to the A. and M. college position.

Five of the six presidents of state teachers colleges are men who have received degrees from the University. They are: John O. Moseley, '16M.A., Central State Teachers college, Edmond; A. Linchaid, '20M.A., East Central, Ada; E. E. Brown, '19as, '25M.A., Northwestern, Alva; Walter W. Isle, '15as, Southwestern, Weatherford, and John Vaughan, '24as, '27M.A., Northeastern, Tahlequah.

President at the sixth teachers' college—Southeastern at Durant is Mrs. Kate Galt Zaneis.

Tribute to DeMeules

Unusual solemnity prevailed in the chambers of the State Supreme court when the fall class of applicants for admittance to the state bar was presented.

One name on the list was represented at the ceremony only by the feeling in the hearts of his classmates. Hamilton DeMeules died a few weeks before graduation from the University law school, and members of the state bar's board of examiners decided that death should not cheat the honor student from reaching his goal.

The board of examiners recommended that precedent be broken, and DeMeules' name be placed on record as having been admitted to the bar.

It was arranged for George Shirk and Edgar S. Vaught jr., classmates of DeMeules, to present a request that their friend's name be added to the roll.

DeMeules died of pneumonia March 19, his twenty-fourth birthday.

Walter Harrison, writing in the *Daily Oklahoman*, paid the following tribute to DeMeules:

No posthumous mark of recognition ever was more intelligently bestowed than the honor the state bar board of governors plans for the late Hamilton DeMeules.

When the class of 100 law students from Oklahoma University stands before the state bar September 8 to become attorneys the name of DeMeules will be added to the rolls and special tribute will be paid to the record of the lad who was touched and turned away before he had a chance to fulfill his ambition.

After an amazing collegiate career of six years, DeMeules was stricken with pneumonia on the campus and died in March, when he would have finished in June. Every honor that might come to a student for scholastic superiority and popularity and ability outside of his school work, had been piled upon young DeMeules. He was without a doubt one of the finest prospects in the graduating class of 1936. His future was bright indeed. The lad had devoted his every energy to preparing himself to be a useful member of the bar in Oklahoma. It is a tribute to the alertness of the board of governors that they recognize young DeMeules' devotion to the law, his achievements in preparing for a life of usefulness and give him a place with the other able members of his class. He earned admittance to the bar, if ever a student did.

Strictly Sooner

Norman High school, as might be expected from its location, has a 100 per cent Sooner coaching staff.

Arlo "Skivey" Davis, '20ex, this fall joined the staff as an assistant to Dewey "Snorter" Luster, '22as, '22law, coach of the Norman Tigers. Guy Warren, '31ex,

is Luster's other assistant. All three played on Sooner football teams.

The three didn't have to be introduced to each other when the season started this fall. Luster and Davis played on the University team the same four years. Warren played three years on Norman teams coached by Luster, and three more years on University teams while Luster was assistant coach there.

It can't happen here

The summer's publicity over faculty censorship of the student newspaper at the University of Texas caused curious persons to inquire why no such difficulties had arisen at the University of Oklahoma.

President H. Y. Benedict of the University of Texas argued that because the *Texan* is issued as a university publication, the university has a right to control its articles. Regents took the same view and named the censor—an instructor in the university's department of journalism.

The censor banned articles on national and state politics. The censorship was ordered after an editorial on Colorado River flood control and power projects had appeared. First to be deleted was an editorial on sulphur.

The censor did, however, relax so far as not to censor articles on the censorship.

The Sooner school of journalism avoids censorship difficulties by following a policy of criticizing the student paper severely—but after publication instead of before.

This policy, explains H. H. Herbert, director of the school, puts the students on their own responsibility and teaches them to use discretion. They are not told what they can't print, but if they print something questionable, the error of their ways from a strictly journalistic viewpoint is pointed out in considerable detail the next day.

The system isn't infallible, but it seems to make the students use their heads.

The first issue of the *Oklahoma Daily* this fall, with Bob Vollmer, '37as, as editor, carried the following editorial under the caption "The Errors Are Ours":

Oklahoma taxpayers, who sometimes have their attention called to the *Oklahoma Daily* for one reason or another, often have the impression that the paper is the voice of the university administration. Nothing could be further from fact.

The *Daily* is directed, written, edited and printed by students, and students alone.

The *Daily* editor is named by the board of publications, which is controlled by faculty members. After he is appointed, however, he is given a full rein, and no control is exercised over him unless he proves incompetent.

The editor appoints his own staff and has the power to hire and fire. No faculty supervision is encountered by the editor in choosing those with whom he will work.

No faculty censorship is exercised anywhere along the line.

When the paper is printed and all but forgotten about, professors of the school of journalism meet with members of the *Daily* staff, and the papers are criticized. Any errors of fact, English, taste,—or anything else—are pointed

D. B. R. Johnson, '18M.A., dean of the school of pharmacy, was nominated for the office of president of the American Pharmaceutical association at the national convention held recently in Dallas. The office will be filled by mail ballot.



out to staff members from the journalistic standpoint. In any stand upon a controversial matter, discussions are held with faculty members.

Thus any criticism of what goes to make up the *Daily* comes after publication and can in no way be construed as censorship, and the administration does not give either its approval or disapproval.

The *Daily* alone is responsible.

Four majors now

Promotions of Capt. H. C. DeMuth, assistant professor of military science in the University, and Capt. Lawrence "Biff" Jones, director of athletics, to the rank of major in the United States army have brought the University military staff's supply of majors to a total of four.

Two of them are named Jones. The one who isn't the athletic director is Major Daniel F. Jones. The fourth man of similar rank is Major Reese M. Howell, commandant of the University R. O. T. C.

Bentonelli in concert

Oklahoma's Joseph Bentonelli will sing for an audience in his native state again October 22 at Oklahoma City. He will present a joint concert with Helen Jepson, Metropolitan soprano, in the Warner theater under auspices of Mrs. Frances Potter Hauser.

During a summer interlude from his duties with the Metropolitan Opera company and his radio broadcasts, Bentonelli joined the Stockbridge Players of Stockbridge, Mass., with the announced intention of learning what he could about theatrical technique.

Well acquainted with classic opera as a result of European experience, Bentonelli believes that it can be improved upon by bringing it more into the tempo of modern times.

Press dispatches quote him as saying:

"Times change and unless we change with them the times run off and leave us—leave us as backward, senile old warblers whom no one cares to listen to or to see. Operatic acting needs rejuvena-

tion, needs virile, compelling touches learned and adopted only by those who know their stage and how to wring the most from it."

Herring wins promotion

Carl Ernest Herring, '24M.A., stepped up in the Oklahoma City school system this fall, succeeding Earl R. Sifert as principal of Central High school. Sifert resigned to take another position.

As a result of a general shift in executive positions, W. H. Taylor, '28M.A., was appointed principal at Webster Junior High school; Wayne H. McCalister, '21as, was assigned to Britton, and Roscoe Evans, '17as, was appointed to University Heights elementary and two-year junior high school.

Education board revised

Resignations of Chester H. Westfall, '16as, and John Joseph Mathews, '20as, from the state board of education were requested in August by Gov. E. W. Marshall.

The two were appointed to the board July 1, 1935, after adjournment of the legislature, and their appointments had never been formally confirmed. Official sources explained it was necessary to revise personnel of the board in order to comply with the law requiring that a certain proportion of the state board be persons of practical school experience.

Mrs. D. H. Clark, also resigned following resignation of the two Sooner alumni.

The three new members appointed by the governor are Harry Simmons, '24as, Wewoka; E. L. Rodman, '28M.A.; and J. R. Holmes, Muskogee. All three appointees are school superintendents.

Nunn goes to Chicago

Wesley I. Nunn, '17ex, who has taken a prominent part in Sooner alumni activities, has resigned his position as advertising manager for the Continental Oil

company, Ponca City, in order to become advertising manager for Standard Oil company of Indiana, with offices in Chicago.

Mr. Nunn is alumni representative on the University athletic council and has served on the board of directors of the alumni association.

Riley leaves faculty

Floyd K. Riley resigned as assistant professor of speech in August, in order to take a position as head of the speech department at Baker University, Baldwin, Kans.

He had been serving on a temporary appointment pending the return of Walter Emery, who is on leave of absence.

Chapter houses exchanged

Members of Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon returning to the campus this fall had to be careful in giving directions to taxi drivers.

Officers of the two fraternities in August completed an agreement for exchange of chapter houses. The trade was made in connection with a financial readjustment.

The S. A. E. chapter moved into the \$52,500 Pi K. A. house at 730 College avenue, which was erected seven years ago. The house accommodates 44 men.

Pi Kappa Alpha took over the former S. A. E. house at 578 South University boulevard and spent approximately \$2,500 on redecorating and improvements before moving in. This house, built 18 years ago at a cost of \$20,000, has quarters for 46 men.

New club at Tulsa

Members of Theta Kappa Phi, national Catholic fraternity, have established an alumni organization in Tulsa. The new group, composed mostly of graduates of the fraternity's chapter at the University, will be known as the Theta Phi Alumni club of Tulsa.

Officers elected include Charles A. Cone, '35eng, secretary.

Quick on the trigger

Two 1936 graduates of the University law school plunged into their careers with such enthusiasm that they almost outran the formalities of the law.

Charles C. Dunn, Cotton county, and William K. Powers, McIntosh county, ran for county attorney in their respective counties and won the nominations. Then they realized that although they had taken the state bar examination, the results had not yet been revealed and they were not technically members of the bar.

However, the state supreme court fixed things up by giving them special temporary permits to practice law.

Heads community fund

The responsibility of administering Tulsa's community fund has been taken

A letter to all Sooner alumni

I wish to call your attention to State Question No. 210, which is to be voted upon November 3. This is the A. and M. regents amendment, submitted by the Fifteenth Legislature, providing for establishment of a non-political board of regents for that institution and the four secondary schools of agriculture.

This measure is the result of a long period of effort by A. and M. alumni and friends to place these institutions on a more stable basis, and is very similar to the University's non-political Board of Regents.

The Alumni Executive Board of the University has been in accord with the A. and M. Former Students Association Board of Directors on this measure for years.

If this bill is passed on November 3, as I hope it will be, it will add a great deal not only to the institutions directly concerned, but to educational stability in general in Oklahoma.

Graduates of Oklahoma University and all friends of education in the State should support the A. and M. Regents Amendment.

Earl Foster, President
University of Oklahoma
Association

over by Walter B. Schoggen, '20as, '25B.F.A.

As executive vice-president, he has complete charge of all of the administrative affairs of the fund, subject to the approval of the executive committee and the board.

A resident of Tulsa for the last 15 years, he was formerly business manager of the First Methodist church and for the last eight years has been business manager of the First Presbyterian church of Tulsa.

Resolved the board of deacons of the 3,000-member Presbyterian church: "Virtue has its own reward, and it was but logical when the Community Fund of Tulsa sought a man of such rare traits of character, personality, public respect, executive ability and devotion to duty as qualify one for such a position, they called Walter B. Schoggen."

Welfare officials named

When the new state board of public welfare set up its organization of district supervisors, five Sooner graduates were included in the first ten appointments.

Mrs. Prenda Jackson, '24sc, former Oklahoma county supervisor for the OERA, was named district supervisor for the area including Oklahoma, Cleveland, Garvin, Murray, Johnston and McClain counties.

Other graduates appointed to district positions, but not immediately assigned to specific districts, are: Geneva Breckenridge, '31as; Ruby Little, '33as; Betty Eldridge, '27as, and Verona Browning Pangborn, '30as.

Where is home?

When David St. Clair, '33as, returned to Norman this summer after completing his work as Rhodes scholar at Oxford university, he was asked, among other things, where his home is now.

"That would be a little hard to answer," he said with a smile. "At one time the family was all in Norman but now my father is in the core drilling business with headquarters in London, my mother is in Little Rock with the resettlement administration, one brother is with relatives in the north, and two brothers are in Africa. And the two brothers in Africa are 3,000 miles apart!"

Index prepared

This year is the tenth in the history of *Books Abroad*, international book review quarterly published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Started in 1927 by Dr. Roy T. House, head of the modern languages department, as a modest experiment in compiling news about foreign books, the publication has grown steadily in importance.

It has become so useful that the Chicago public library, with the aid of federal funds, has a corps of indexers at work making a card index of the 10 volumes which will have been completed in October.

It is expected that 75,000 cards will be on file when the index is completed. The file and the 10 volumes of the magazine will constitute the finest collection of information on contemporary foreign literature to be found anywhere in the world.

Kenneth C. Kaufman, writing in his personal column on the *Sunday Oklahoman* book page, pointed out that some philanthropist could provide a valuable service by providing a thousand dollars or so to have the index printed. It then could be widely distributed, instead of being available to only a small number of persons, relatively speaking.

Trucks to draw guns

The R. O. T. C. has been promised an allotment of new equipment for this school year, including trucks to replace horses for drawing field guns. Horses displaced will be retained, however, for other purposes. The modernization will affect only one of the two field artillery batteries in the unit.