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Oklahomans at home and abroad

The Cover

The Art building, at the north end of the oval opposite the Fine Arts building, was once upon a time the University Library building. When the new Library was completed several years ago, the school of art was given full possession of the old building. It houses a gallery, studios of faculty members, classrooms and rooms for classes in sculpturing.

Soonerland in Brief

The 1936 Sooner yearbook has been dedicated to Hamilton De Meules, junior law student who died of pneumonia in the University infirmary during the second semester. Queens appearing in the book this year were Caryl Rose Corp, Tulsa, Chi Omega; June Myers, Tulsa, Delta Gamma; June Alley, Norman, Alpha Phi; Dorothy Snider, Seminole, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Caroline McEldowney, Pi Beta Phi, Sara Wallace, Delta Delta Delta, and Lucy Fellers, Kappa Alpha Theta, all of Oklahoma City.

Members of the *Oklahoma Daily* staff for next fall, as announced by Editor Bob Vollmer, Tulsa, include: J. R. McKinley, St. Louis, managing editor; Ruth Robinson, Pawnee, news editor; Joe Holland, Blackwell, city editor; Lucille MacKenzie, Carter, society editor; Fred Groves, Hominy, sports editor; Howard Wilson, Oklahoma City, assistant news editor; Charles Adams, Crescent, assistant news editor; Charles Sadler, Palestine, Texas, editorial page editor; and as special writers, Millard Purdy and Emory Grinnell, both of Oklahoma City, Alvin Smith, Newkirk, and Ira Rice, Norman.

A portrait of the late Fredrik Holmberg, dean of the college of fine arts, was presented to the University at the conclusion of a Holmberg memorial concert on the campus. The portrait was done by Patricio Gimeno, member of the University faculty.

One hundred eight outstanding high school seniors were guests of honor at a banquet in the Oklahoma Union during the interscholastic meet. They were honored by the men's council of the University and presented with plaques. They represented fifty-four state high schools. They were selected by students and faculty members of their own schools.

Seven senior law students elected to membership in Coif this year include: Sam K. Abrams, Guthrie; Del Vale Dale, Carthage, Missouri; Mark Dunlop, Gotebo; Thomas M. Finney, Bartlesville; George Miskovsky, Oklahoma City; Woodrow Morris, Ponca City; and Willis Smith, Taloga.

Muriel Minnick, Norman, was elected president of Mortar Board and nine new members were selected during April. The group was composed of Mildred Andrews, Skiatook; Mary Alice Larson, Oklahoma City; Glee Miller, Skiatook; Mary Elizabeth Lockett, Norman; Nina Bohn, Houston, Texas; Louise Hill, Harlingen, Texas; BeAnn Brown, McAlester; Ruth Clark, Tulsa; and Miss Minnick.

Graduate students have petitioned the administration to be exempted from being required to comply with under-graduate University regulations. The graduate students pointed out in their petition that their age and nature of their study should be grounds for excusing them from complying with week-night date rules, 10:30 p.m. whistle regulations and other under-graduate rules.

W. T. Howell, Butler, won the R.O.T.C. award for appearance and discipline during spring competition among sergeants and non-commissioned student officers.

The first stalk of bananas raised in the University greenhouse was presented to President Bizzell late in April. In response he ate one and declared it delicious. Mrs. Elizabeth Mansfield Kee, his secretary, also ate one and agreed heartily. The presentation speech was made by Glenn Couch, instructor in botany.

Bill Selvidge, Ardmore, has been elected editor of the 1937 Sooner yearbook, and Sam Cobean, Tulsa, has been named editor of the humor magazine, *The Covered Wagon*, for next year.

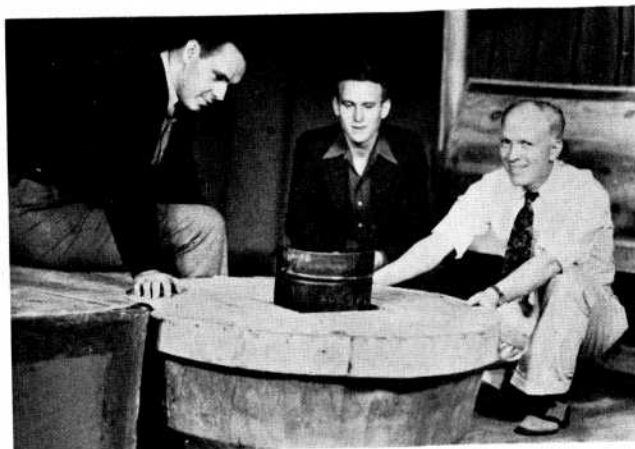
Indian Club delegates from eight Oklahoma colleges and universities organized a state Council of Indian Clubs during April on the campus. M. L. Wardell, Herbert K. Hyde and George C. Wells were appointed trustees of a fund through which the group hopes to offer scholarships in institutions of higher learning for Indian students.

The opening of the new intramural golf course on the 40-acre tract of land east of the football stadium has been postponed at least until mid-summer, Ben G. Owen, director of intramural athletics, has announced. The nine-hole course was to have been opened in May before all work on it was completed. Orders from WPA headquarters to have the project completed by July 1 instead of September 1 forced

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The presentation of "Precious Land," three act play by Robert Whitehand, '33as, Tulsa, on the University campus was an outstanding theatrical event of the University Playhouse season. Mr. Whitehand, left, is completing his second year on a scholarship at the University of Iowa. With him in this picture are Jack Swineford, University student, Enid, and Rupel J. Jones, director of the University Playhouse who was in charge of production of the play. Mr. Swineford played the leading part of the Oklahoma farmer who refused to part with his precious land for oil money.



the intramural department to give up the idea of an opening before completion. The crew of workers is working full speed ahead to get the lake, dam and fairways in shape by the end of June.

Other construction work on the campus which is moving along without difficulty includes work on the Union tower, Business Administration building, Biological Sciences building, R.O.T.C. building and the new swimming pool.

Wife of Regent Member Dies

Mrs. Margaret V. Noble, 33 years old, wife of Lloyd Noble, '21ex, Ardmore oilman and a member of the University board of regents, died of pneumonia during March in an Oklahoma City hospital.

She was a close friend of many University alumni and with her husband shared a sincere interest in the University. Surviving her are her two sons, Sam and Edward, and her husband. Other survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Bilby, Holdenville; a sister, Mrs. Burt Wallace, Lubbock, Texas; and a brother, Harold Bilby, Holdenville. Her brother, Harold Bilby, attended the University. He left school in 1919.

Phi Beta Kappa Initiates

John Joseph Mathews, '20as, author and member of the state board of education, Pawhuska, and John L. Page, '26as, assistant professor of meteorology at the University of Illinois, were the two University alumni initiated to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic organization, during April.

Each year, Phi Beta Kappa names several alumni who have been outstanding since graduation for membership in the organization. The under-graduate group included six juniors and twenty-five senior students.

The juniors, arranged in order of their scholastic rank, are as follows: Frank Hamilton, Oklahoma City; Glee Miller, Skiatook; John Cheadle, Cherokee; Stewart Mark, Oklahoma City; Mary Elizabeth Lockett, Norman; and Mary Alice Larson, Oklahoma City.

The seniors, listed alphabetically, are: Suzanne Arnote, Antlers; Wilson Cline, Newkirk; Vinita Davis, Norman; Leroy W. Early, Oklahoma City; Rhys Evans, Ardmore; Charles Follansbee, Eufaula; Sara M. Freeman, Oklahoma City; Evelyn A. Gray, Ponca City; Bryce N. Harlow, Oklahoma City; William C. Henry, Altus; Sylvan Hertz, New York.

Elmo P. Hester, Norman; Rosemary Hudson, Tuttle; Betty V. Hume, Anadarko; Martha Hutcheson, Frederick; Elizabeth Janz, Norman; Eugene V. Lamm, Okemah; Margery Meacham, Clinton.

Frances Myers, Oklahoma City; Virginia Parris, Tulsa; Robert Stanton, Arkansas City, Kansas; Frances Townsend, Bartlesville; John D. Upham, Oklahoma City; Earl T. Warren, Noble; and Thomas H. Williams, Buffalo.

Alumnus Is Book Compiler

The recently published volume, *Folks Say of Will Rogers*, which has been getting favorable reviews throughout the country, was compiled and edited by a University graduate, Jake G. Lyons, '32as, and a former University student who was graduated from Oklahoma A. and M. college, William Howard Payne.

In recent correspondence, Mr. Lyons points out that the title for the valuable volume of comments and anecdotes about Oklahoma's great humorist was inspired from *Folks-Say*, a series of annual books published by the University Press. The book on Will Rogers has been selling well nationally, in Oklahoma and Texas particularly.

Farm Background Still Leads

In what occupations do the parents of University students make their living?

The question was asked students when they registered for classwork at the start of the second semester. The information gained in their responses shows that the farm still is an important factor in the early home life of University students.

Alumni office records reveal that only .6 per cent of the entire University graduate group makes its living on farms and

ranches. Yet, 20 per cent of the student body comes from farms.

Occupations of the parents of students follow with the number of students listing each occupation:

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| Farmers | 1,007 |
| Merchants | 735 |
| Oil business | 524 |
| Laborers | 420 |
| Attorneys | 263 |
| Public officials | 260 |
| Physicians and dentists | 245 |
| Salesmen | 243 |
| Transportation business | 190 |
| Engineers | 186 |
| Business | 180 |
| Real estate dealers | 176 |
| Teachers | 156 |
| Insurance business | 140 |
| Contractors | 130 |
| Bankers | 125 |
| Druggists | 107 |
| Ministers | 88 |
| Retired | 88 |
| Newspaper business | 62 |
| Manufacturers | 52 |
| Barbers | 48 |
| Cafe and hotel | 41 |
| Firemen and policemen | 29 |
| Cleaning and Laundry | 27 |
| Geologists | 16 |
| Amusement operators | 14 |
| Undertakers | 12 |
| Architects | 11 |
| Photographers | 11 |
| Chemists | 6 |
| Musicians | 6 |
| Decorators | 2 |
| Writers | 2 |

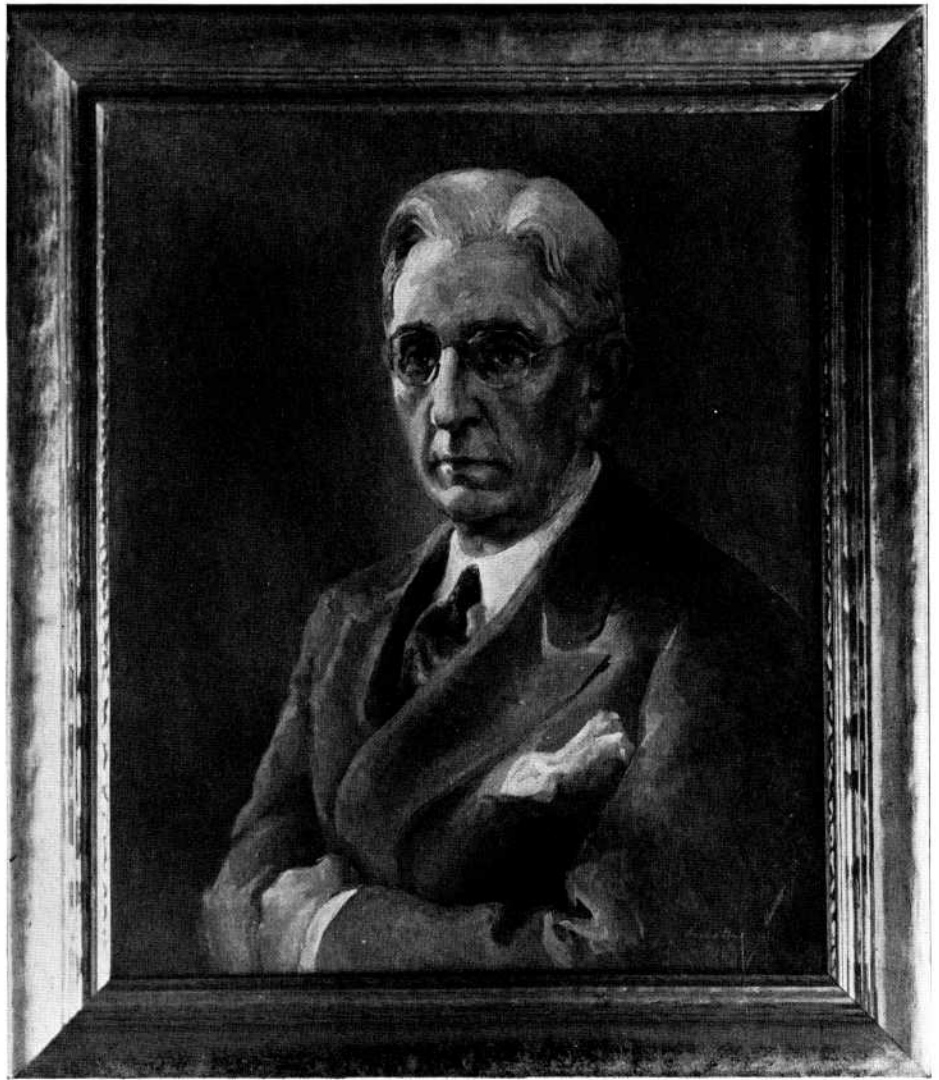
St. Clair Gets Scholarship

David St. Clair, '33bs, Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, has been granted a two-year research fellowship by Columbia University, New York City. He will begin work on it when his scholarship at Oxford expires.

The Columbia fellowship provides a total of three thousand dollars to conduct a study of the correlation of raised beaches and terraces on both sides of the Atlantic. He will spend one year in this country

A portrait of the late Dean Fredrik Holmberg which has attracted particular attention was completed recently by Leonard P. Good, '27 fine arts, instructor in art at the University. In the piece, Mr. Good has succeeded in capturing the spirit of the veteran dean who died last New Year's Day.

A series of original etchings done by Keating Donahoe, '34ex, Oklahoma City, was recently dedicated to Dean Holmberg. In the group are four etchings of familiar campus scenes. A limited number of them are being sold in folio form. A dedication was written by Dr. W. B. Bizzell telling of the long and valuable service of Dean Holmberg to the state and University.



and one year in England, France and Spain.

▲ Don Nabours Draws Mickey

Don Nabours, '31art, has accepted a position drawing Mickey Mouse cartoons for the Walt Disney studio in Hollywood.

Nabours, a cartoonist for student publications while he was on the campus, studied cartoon drawing and poster painting at the Kansas City Art Institute following his graduation. He did free lance drawing in New York City until he accepted the job with the famous movie cartoonist.

▲ Lucky on L. S. U. Staff

Lewis B. Lucky, who will be awarded his degree from the University as Doctor of Philosophy in June, has accepted a position as assistant dean of the lower division of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. He holds his first degrees from Louisiana State and the University of Texas. His thesis title in the college of education is "The Relations of School Bonded Indebtedness to the County Unit System of Schools."

Summer Session Scheduled

THE University's eight-week summer school session will open June 9 with registration and close August 6 with commencement.

Courses will be offered in the graduate school and the colleges of arts and sciences, business administration, education, engineering and fine arts. The enrolment is expected to be approximately two thousand students.

The graduate school and college of education will have the largest groups of students since many Oklahoma and Texas school teachers will come to the University to continue advanced study.

A complete program of social, entertainment and recreational events will be scheduled with a meeting or entertainment slated for every night.

All of the University facilities will be

open throughout the summer for the convenience of students.

The University's new intramural golf course on the 40-acre tract of land east of the football stadium will be complete during June and it may be thrown open for play during the summer.

The construction of a men's swimming pool north of the Fieldhouse also is under way. The women's pool in the Women's building will be open during the summer months.

Instruction in almost every University department will be offered during the session. Summer session bulletins outlining the courses, giving the hours of class meetings and the names of instructors may be had by writing the University Registry or Alumni office.