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Oklahomans at home and abroad

The Cover

Oklahoma's "White House" is a familiar landmark to all Sooners. On the corner of Boyd and Boulevard stands the home of the president of the University, the dignified entrance of which is one of the beauty spots of the campus.



Soonerland in Brief

Dr. Edward Bartow, president of the American Chemical society and head of the department of chemistry, Iowa State College, Ames, was a speaker on the campus during January. "This Changing World" was the topic of his popular lecture.

Two plays by Clifford Odets will be presented by the University Playhouse under the direction of John Dunn. Tentative dates for the plays are February 28 and 29. The two short dramas, both of which ran on Broadway last season, are *Waiting for Lefty* and *Till the Day I Die*.

Harold Kreutzberg, internationally famous dancer, will present a program at the University April 3 under the auspices of the women's physical education department. Kreutzberg will give lessons for several days while he is in Norman. He visited the University under a similar arrangement last year.

Suzanne Arnote, Antlers, has been elected editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, for the second semester. John Harold Turner, McAlester, retired as editor after the first semester and accepted a position with the *Daily Oklahoman*. Miss Arnote is the second woman in the history of University publications to hold the editorship of the *Daily*. Three years ago, Christine Squire Hill was editor-in-chief.

The Michigan Little Symphony will play a concert February 15 at the University, Lewis Salter, acting dean of the college of fine arts, has announced.

Shigoko-Yoski Ozawa, young Japanese, has come to the University to take courses in petroleum engineering. Ozawa, on leave of absence from the Japanese navy, has been stationed at Formosa.

John Runyan, Oklahoma City, editor of the *Covered Wagon*, successor to the *Whirlwind*, is listed as one of the college editors of *College Humor*, national magazine which has been revived after being suspended for several years.

J. W. "Dub" Wheeler, Davis, first All-American NEA selection, returned to the campus following participation in the East-West game New Year's Day. He resolved to continue work toward a degree and steer clear of professional football. He has refused two contracts. He is studying to be a coach.

Ben Poynor, Sooner fullback, made the second All-American All-Pi Kappa Alpha team selected by Walter F. Coxe, of Georgia Tech. Lynn Waldorf, Northwestern University coach and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, was made honorary coach of the mythical eleven. McDonald, Nebraska, and Edwards, Kansas State, were placed on the first team, and Bill Breeden, Sooner halfback, was given honorable mention.

Adrian Fuller, senior engineer, Norman, was picked as the most outstanding student in the college of engineering this year. Fuller, an electrical engineer, was selected by members of Knights of St. Patrick on the basis of his participation and interest in engineering activities.

A second "Five Star Final" dinner is planned for spring by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity. The first was held last year. Although it will never take the place of the old Gridirons, it is a substitute. A Southwestern Journalism Conference will be held on the campus at the same time.

The fourth annual Phantom Mask radio writing contest closed February 1. The ten best plays will be selected by members of the WNAD, University station, organization. From this ten, local judges will select the best three. National judges will rank the three best.

Unless he comes home especially for the occasion, Dr. James Felgar, dean of the college of engineering, will not be present for the St. Pat's Day celebration this year. He is on leave of absence from the University. After spending part of the summer in Europe, he went to the west coast where he is engaged in study.



Alumna Leads Bar Applicants

Lois Haskell Straight, '35 law, Bartlesville, scored the highest average when twenty-seven new lawyers took the bar examination and were admitted to prac-

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Here are two university graduates who are acting as dean and department head at the University during the current semester. Lewis S. Salter, '12mus, '17as, left, is acting dean of the college of fine arts. Charles P. Green, '25as, right, is acting head of the department of speech, filling the position of Representative Josh Lee, '17as.



tice in Oklahoma during January. She was the only woman taking the examination.

Frank Edwin Lee, '32chem, Enid, who went to the University of Chicago to study law after graduating from the University as a chemistry major, was second high.

Also included in the list were Mark L. Neumann, '35law, Oklahoma City; Charles Gordon Watts, '35law, Wagoner; Charles E. Jackson, '36law, Hennessey; and several former students including Forney Hutchinson, Washington, D.C.; William Howard O'Bryan, Oklahoma City; Tillman Wesley Tabor, Oklahoma City.

▲ Women's Honor Class Selected

Twenty-one women have been elected to membership in the 1936 junior honor class, Sara Margaret Freeman, Oklahoma City, Mortar Board president, announced recently.

The women were selected from a list recommended by department heads on the basis of their ability to give and to receive benefits from the cultural program planned for the class. At least a "B" grade average was required.

Those elected and their major subjects are: Eloise Bryan, mathematics, Mary Alice Larson, English, Lillian Rose, French, and Alice Carter, voice, all of Oklahoma City; Yvonne Jacobson, French, Mary Elizabeth Lockett, social work, Martyna Evelyn Garrison, geology, Frances Peters, physical education, and Helen Tappan, geology, all of Norman.

And Mary Davis, history, and BeAnn Brown, English, both of McAlester; Mildred Andrews, piano, and Glee Miller, social work, both of Skiatook; Nina Bohn, geology, Houston, Tex.; Eleanor Lucille MacKenzie, journalism, Carter; Janet Martin, government, Wewoka; Norma Ann Stovall, English, Hugo; Maryon Mabel Wolfe, government, Ardmore; Ola Louise

Hill, business, Harlingen, Tex.; Mildred Morrison, business, Waurika; and Ruth Clark, dramatic art, Tulsa.

The class will begin a series of Sunday afternoon meetings in February with a reception which will be given by Miss Edna E. McDaniel, dean of women, and another tea will also be planned.

Prominent state women are being scheduled for talks for other meetings and one meeting for informal discussions will be held.

▲ Two Faculty Members Resign

John N. Frank, instructor in art, and Dr. George J. Goodman, instructor in botany, have resigned their positions on the University faculty this winter.

Frank, who is founder of the Frankoma Pottery plant, announced that he would devote full time to the business concern he established several years ago. Roger D. Corsaw, graduate of the New York College of Ceramics, has been appointed to fill Frank's place in the University ceramics division.

Dr. Goodman has accepted a position on the botany department staff at Iowa State College, Ames. He will leave about March 1. An instructor to take his place was to be selected at the start of the second semester.

▲ Are Students Wet?

Some 480 University students voted 6 to 1 for repeal of state prohibition laws recently during a test ballot sponsored on the campus by the Oklahoma Campus Temperance association.

The poll, originally planned for two or three days, was stopped after the first day with the announcement by the group's state president, Harlan Mendenhall, Mutual, that "we have learned what we were interested in finding out. We will spend

six weeks during February and March conducting an education campaign. Talks will be scheduled at various times and places on the campus. Speakers will be sent to fraternity and sorority houses. Another poll on the same question will be held when the educational program is completed."

The tabulation of the one day's vote showed 414 students favoring repeal and 66 standing with state prohibition.

The question, of course, was raised immediately, "Is this a true test of the sentiment of University students?"

The fact that less than ten percent of the student body cast votes was grounds for the belief that the test might not have been accurate. Also, it was pointed out that students are quick to protest against any regulation that places restrictions upon their freedom of action.

Mendenhall, a University journalism student, said that the vote of women students was exceptionally light and that he believed this was one reason why the dry cause had such apparently small support. Tabulation of the few ballots that were cast showed that fraternity members were wetter than independent students.

Students were not required to sign the ballots. Their names, however, were checked from a student directory so that they might not vote more than once.

An effort will be made in the later poll to get a more representative cross-section of student opinion. While the first poll did show that there was some sentiment for repeal, it by no means proved that University students were 6 to 1 against prohibition. State-operated liquor stores were favored by a majority of the repealists.

Wright Heads Young Republicans

Tom Z. Wright, '34law, state legislator from Beaver county, was unanimously elected state president of Young Republicans at a recent convention in Oklahoma City.

Wright succeeded Cleo Wilson, '36law, Norman, as president of the state organization. A federal social security plank was adopted after a heated debate on the convention floor.

The "Kansas City Star" Says

Following is an editorial, headed "A Decade of President Bizzell," appearing in the *Kansas City Star*:

"The distinguished guests who attended the ceremonies celebrating the tenth anniversary of Dr. W. B. Bizzell as president of the University of Oklahoma testify to the impression made by President Bizzell not only on his home state but on this whole region. Under his competent direction the university has made great progress in broadening its service to the young people of Oklahoma and to the state.

"A man of wide culture, of imagination and of unusual administrative ability, Dr. Bizzell has shown a sound comprehension of the place of a state university in the educational system and the life of the commonwealth. In the *Daily Oklahoman* he has presented his views on the developments he believes should be worked for in the next decade. He hopes for further progress in the graduate schools—the school of medicine is near his heart—based on a sound cultural training in the liberal arts college.

"Oklahoma is a relatively new and undeveloped state. It is fortunate in having as the president of its state university a great gentleman, a fine scholar, an educator of high ideals to guide the school in this formative period."

Dr. Debo's Book Wins Prize

Another honor came to the University of Oklahoma Press and one of its authors when Miss Angie Debo, '18as, '33Ph.D., was awarded \$250 by the National Historical association as first prize for her book, *The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic*.

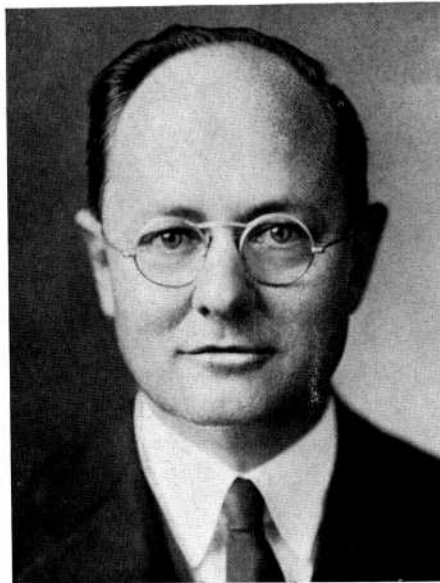
Dr. Debo's book was released in 1934 by the University Press. The award was announced at the Christmas holiday meeting of the historical association at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Debo is a member of the faculty at the West Texas State college, Canyon, Texas.

Members of the Choctaw tribe have widely acclaimed Dr. Debo's book as an accurate and authentic history of their republic. Material for the book was collected by Dr. Debo for her doctor's thesis at the University. It was revised before it was published by the University Press.

Junior Honor Students Named

A group of fourteen men students who will comprise Doctor Bizzell's second semester junior honor class was announced



recently by Dr. E. D. Meacham, '14as, assistant dean of the college of arts and sciences, and chairman of the committee on selections.

The class will meet with Doctor Bizzell weekly in his home and will discuss and study cultural subjects.

The group chosen follows:

John M. Bowler, Wayne, mathematics; Elliott Davis, geology, Richard Disney, journalism, Frank O. Hamilton, government, and Alfred Loeblich, geology, all of Oklahoma City; Maurice L. Clany, Spanish, Carter; William L. Felkner, botany, Tuttle; Roy Gill, history, Okmulgee; James Long, physics, Memphis, Tenn.; Alfred Naifeh, government, Norman; Wip Robinson, government, Wewoka; James Tabor, history, Checotah; Harold Williams, geology, Okemah; and Harry Suffield, history, Gage.

The group of outstanding scholars was selected from all junior men in the college with a "B" average or better and the recommendation of the head of the department of their major subject.

The fourteen members is the lowest number chosen since the class was organized. Dr. Meacham said the group of eligible candidates was the smallest ever examined by the committee.

Oklahoma City, represented by four members, led in the home town classification. No other town was represented by more than one member.

The six member faculty committee completed individual interviews with the candidates shortly before the Christmas vacation. The committee sought to determine the interests and fitness of the eligible group.

Garlick Has Scholarship

Don Garlick, '35fa, Oklahoma City, is attending the Settlement music school in Philadelphia, where he holds a scholarship.

Garlick was a member of the University trio the last two years he attended the Uni-

versity and played the cello in musical groups. In Philadelphia, he is playing with a number of musical ensemble groups.

Dr. Maurice Merrill, '19as, '22law, professor of law at the University of Nebraska, was chairman of the council on the discussion of public utilities and transportation at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools during Christmas at New Orleans. Doctor Merrill also led a discussion concerned with public law.

A. Holmes Baldrige, '25as, formerly counsel for the Oklahoma corporation commission, attended the meeting and took part in the discussion of public utilities and transportation.

Oklahoma Lyrics Sung

Considerable praise has been given William Cowgill, '34ex, Oklahoma City, for his New York concert during the present musical season. A baritone of promise, he has appeared in numerous concerts.

His outstanding appearance was during late January when he sang at the Barbizon club interpreting the songs of the composer Elmo Russ. He has sung numerous selections, the words of which have been taken from Oklahoma poetry. Some of the lyrics were written by his mother, Elizabeth King Cowgill, '33as, Oklahoma City. Other lyrics were taken from poetry by Paul Eldridge, '19as, assistant professor of English at the University.

Brett Gives Jackson Day Oration

John A. Brett, '28law, Oklahoma City attorney, gave the Jackson Day oration before Democrats at a Wichita, Kansas, meeting early in January.

He also appeared as the principal speaker at a luncheon of the Wichita O. U. Alumni club the following day.

Benton to Maloy to Parker

Three loyal and successful Sooners who are now New Yorkers must have had pleasant memories of days gone by recently when their paths crossed.

The occasion was the Metropolitan debut of Joseph Bentonelli, '20as, '21voice. The story of his colorful rise to the Metropolitan was written for the United Press by Ted Maloy, '29as.

The original stories from the New York United Press office were given to George B. "Deak" Parker, '08as, editor-in-chief of Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Parker sent the original stories back to Norman to Benton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Benton.