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Oklahomans at home and abroad

The Cover

Classes are out. When traffic under the arches is headed northward, it means that classes are out and students are going back to their houses or to the corner, perhaps, for some recreation. Although the student residential district has been slowly moving toward the southwestern part of Norman, half of the student body still lives north of the main entrance to the oval.

Soonerland in Brief

J. R. Corbett, sophomore quarterback, and Ed "Mickey" Parks, center, were lost indefinitely to the Sooner football squad when they left the University shortly after Thanksgiving on account of scholastic difficulties. Corbett was a star football player at Amarillo high school, and Parks was an all-state center at Shawnee.

New pledges to Phantom Mask, national honorary radio dramatic fraternity, are George Bangs, Rapid City, South Dakota; Paul Barnett, Wichita Falls, Texas; Julian Howard, Marlow; James Peters, Pawnee; and Virginia Storm and Virginia Chervenka, both of Norman.

Professional degrees in social service will be awarded at the University following the addition of several new courses, new faculty members and official action of the arts and science faculty.

The University Glee club recently presented programs in five cities. The tour included El Reno, Weatherford, Abilene, Texas, Frederick and Mangum.

Walter M. Harrison, new national honorary president of Sigma Delta Chi, was a principal speaker at a recent smoker of the campus organization. Dr. Leonard Logan, Walt "Don't Worry" Mills and Harold "Art Gum" Mueller were other speakers.

Six hundred thirty-seven persons are

now taking correspondence lessons from the University department.

An investigation of football gambling in Norman pool halls got no place in November. *The Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, sent a staff member out to place a fifty cent bet which he lost. The story of betting was published. The police department toured the pool halls and collected blackboards which proved to be no evidence of actual betting. *Daily* staff members were subpoenaed to tell what they knew. The investigation was dropped on account of insufficient evidence.

The new "civil service" men's council was established on the campus early in December to end the squabble as to which of the two councils that claimed victory after last spring's election really

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should be in power. A new constitution also was adopted by the Administrative council on recommendation of Pe-et. New members of the council selected on grades, activities and personality are as follows: Pharmacy—Glenn Stinson, Norman; Graduate—Robert Slover, Prague; Fine Arts—Frank C. Hughes, Norman; Arts and Sciences—Charles Follansbee, Eufaula, Bryce Harlow and William Waldrop, both of Oklahoma City, and Alfred Naifeh, Norman; Law—Joe Fred Gibson, Wellston, and James Hawes, Norman; Business—W. G. Davis, Marietta, Oral Luper, Stroud, and Douglas Myers, Clinton; Education—W. Albert Brent, Tulsa; Engineering—J. A. Caviezel, Mobile, Alabama, William Barnes, Bartlesville, and Booth Strange, Wilson.

Edward Stanley, Kansas City, Missouri, division news editor of the Associated Press, was principal speaker at a meeting of Oklahoma Associated Press editors on the campus late in November.

Mildred Stearley, Oklahoma City, and Arthur Spangler, Pauls Valley, have been given leading parts in "R. U. R." which will be the next drama of the Playhouse.

Engineering students have amended their constitution so that future queens who get kidnapped by lawyers will forfeit their rights to the St. Pat's Day throne. Whenever a queen is "snatched" she is no longer the queen, according to Lawrence Brock, president of the engineering club. Women students in engineering are no longer eligible to run for the queenship.

Paul Barnett, Wichita Falls, Texas, dramatic art student, recently wrote a play, was stage manager, directed the acting, and played the principal part.

Lucille Hinshaw, Butler, recently was elected president of the University chap-

ter of the Oklahoma Campus Temperance Union which is waging a fight against repeal movements in Oklahoma.

Phi Delta Theta won the intramural softball championship, beating Chain C 8 to 1 behind the steady pitching of Mac Boring.

Frank Phillips, Bartlesville oilman and founder of the Phillips historical collection on the campus, was honored at a banquet at the University during November.



Three Sooners are Bar Directors

Three of the six newly elected members of the Oklahoma County Bar association are graduates of the University.

The three are Herbert K. Hyde, '18ex, Tom W. Garrett, '24law, and Coleman H. Hayes, '24as, '26law, president of the Oklahoma City Alumni club. The other three directors are Miss Mary Francis, first women director, a graduate of the University of Michigan law school, Phil Daugherty and Mont Powell.



Hudson is Library Head

Ralph Hudson, '33lib sci., has become temporary head of the Oklahoma State Library at the state capitol.

He was given a leave of absence from his position as assistant in charge of the loan department in the University library to take the position. Hudson has held numerous positions in the University library since he was graduated.



West Named Secretary

J. Forrest West, '33fa, music supervisor at Central State Teachers college, Edmond, was elected secretary of the Oklahoma State Music Teachers association during the Thanksgiving holidays in Oklahoma City. Dean Albert Lukken, Tulsa, was elected president for the next two years and Tulsa was selected as the place for the next meeting.



Cunningham Directs Writers

William Cunningham, '25as, is directing a state WPA project for writers. His office is in the Bass building in Oklahoma City.

Unemployed writers, under the direction of Cunningham, are collecting material concerning the history of various communities in Oklahoma. It will be compiled into a voluminous manuscript. Cunningham is author of the recently published book, *The Green Corn Rebellion*.

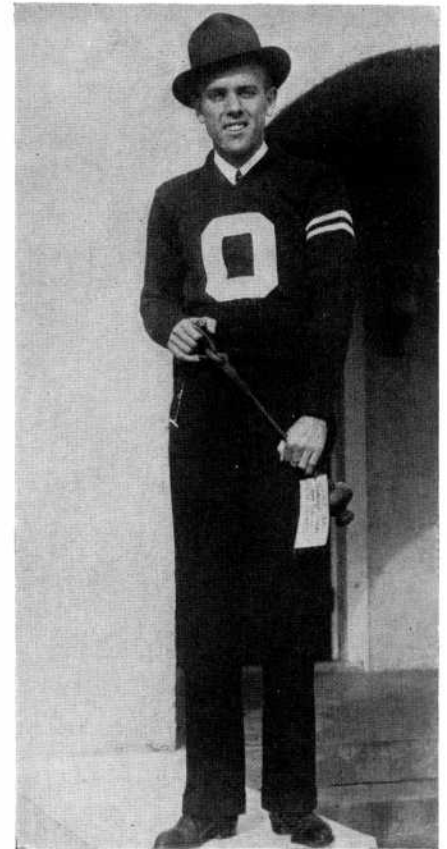


Tri Deltas Win Grade Cup

For the second consecutive semester, Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Delta Tau topped the sorority grade list in their respective divisions to win scholarship cups at the annual panhellenic council dinner.

With an average of 1.8387, Delta Delta Delta placed first in the group of houses having more than thirty members.

Whitley Cox, Sooner sprint star, Tulsa, has the Sooner-Aggie bell clapper well salted away after the smashing defeat of the Oklahoma Aggie football team by the Sooners. Cox, who is the student member of the athletic council, is shown with the clapper that goes to the winner of the annual football game.



The Sigma Delta Tau average was 1.9022 to win high place on the list of five houses having memberships of less than 30.

Second place in the first division group went to Delta Gamma with an average of 1.7350, while Pi Beta Phi was third in the division with 1.7014.

In the second division, Alpha Phi was runnerup to Sigma Delta Tau with a grade average of 1.6557.

The all-sorority grade average including that of inactive members and broken pledges, was 1.5855.

Other averages for the first division were as follows:

Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1.6302; Kappa Alpha Theta, 1.5990; Alpha Chi Omega, 1.5312; Chi Omega, 1.5071; and Gamma Phi Beta, 1.4766.

Averages for other houses in the second division follow:

Alpha Xi Delta, 1.6081; Phi Mu, 1.4545; and Alpha Gamma, 1.2653.

Sigma Delta Tau and Alpha Xi Delta were the only Greek letter women's houses having no "F's" listed for the last semester.

The only woman college president in Oklahoma, Mrs. Kate Gault Zaneis, of Southeastern State Teachers college, Durant, was the principal speaker and guest of honor at the scholarship banquet.

Inherent ability and opportunity, Mrs. Zaneis said, are largely responsible for high scholarship. Women students were urged by the college president to "make high scholarship help them in their quest for life and love."

She listed love, play, work and worship as the four necessary factors in a worthwhile life.



Clinton Alumni Organize

T. Gene Hodges, Clinton, was temporary chairman of a committee which was to organize an O. U. Alumni club

in Clinton during December. Dick Dudley, Hollis, was temporary chairman of a similar committee in Hollis which also was to organize a new O. U. Alumni club.

Buffington "Buff" Burtis, '27as, Clinton publisher and member of the Alumni association executive board from that district, has been active in arousing new interest in University activities in his part of the state.

Among other things, the Clinton group is re-checking its district for former O. U. students and plans a series of activities during the coming year.



R. U. R. is Next Drama

Bill Fleetwood, '31law, Tulsa attorney, ought to come down to Norman either January 17 or 18 to see the Playhouse production of Capek's "R. U. R."

A lot of other people ought to come and see the drama too, but Fleetwood should particularly want to come, since five or six years ago he and Mr. Capek's fantastic drama were good friends and then bitter enemies.

Josephine Hunter Ray was a member of the dramatic art faculty at that time, and she billed "R. U. R." for production. It is a swell play and the drama fans around the University were anxious to see the robots perform.

Mr. Fleetwood had one of the leading parts, and he learned his lines several weeks before the performance, which was

unusual for Mr. Fleetwood. In fact, the entire cast had the play well in hand considerably before the date of presentation.

This proved to be even more disastrous than not having the lines in tow until the afternoon of the performance, because both the cast and the director got rather sick of the whole thing. Not that they didn't like the play, because all of them did.

However, "R. U. R." is loaded with the melodramatics and its third act curtain has often been listed as one of the most powerful ever written.

But, unfortunately, the cast got its lines too early and the feeling behind the speeches began to pall. In fact, several of the characters began to clown their lines and the third act made a beautiful farce instead of a stirring melodrama.

Whether or not Mr. Fleetwood was the first to inject the giggles into the melodrama, it was hard to say. But his lines did lend themselves to the ridiculous as did other parts in the show, and pretty soon Mr. Capek's play was turned into a screaming farce.

The director laughed a couple of times and told the actors to slow down. They tried to, but it all seemed funny and no one could get completely serious.

The sublime became the ridiculous and the director tore her hair. The cast tried to get serious but couldn't, and it tore its hair. The scenery was up. The show was ready to go in two days.

But try as she might, Miss Ray was unable to iron out the devastating giggles and the whole play was called off. Another drama was presented later in the year by Miss Ray.

Rupel J. Jones, director of the school of dramatic art, will direct the Playhouse version of "R. U. R." January 17 and 18.

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Mrs. Norris On the Air

Mrs. Claude B. Norris, '19as, who was Fannie Inez Bell when she was a University student, is directing a children's story hour over radio station WTAM, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Norris formerly was in charge of radio dramatic productions over WKBN, Youngstown, Ohio. She is a resident of Youngstown.

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Mrs. Gossett Takes New Position

Mrs. Mildred T. Gossett, '31 bus, '34as, has resigned her position as secretary of admissions and assistant to Dean Roy Gittinger, and accepted a position as secretary of the University Medical school in Oklahoma City.

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Mrs. Calvert in Who's Who

Mrs. Maude Richman Calvert, '20M.S., one of Oklahoma's outstanding women leaders, again appears in Who's Who in America."

Among the numerous honors which have come to her this fall was the selection by Edith Johnson, *Daily Oklahoman* columnist, as one of the ten women leaders of 1935. In 1934, she was elected to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Since 1932, she has been chairman of the Home Economics Training committee of the national organization of women's clubs. She is now state chairman of the committee for the Oklahoma Federation of Women's clubs. She is the author of three books on homemaking and related subjects and is associate editor and Nutrition Director of the *Junior Home* magazine.

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Polly Deserts Coaching Game

P. A. "Polly" Wallace, '25as, '35M.S., voted the greatest center in Sooner history, is out of the coaching business.

He has accepted a position with the Amerada Petroleum company at Shawnee. Wallace was director of athletics and head football coach at East Central State Teachers college, Ada, until he took leave of absence to complete work toward a master's degree.

During the time he was in the University working on his M. S. degree he was secretary to the intramural department. He did his graduate work in geology.

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Gilstrap on Wisconsin Staff

Max Gilstrap, '33ex, who identified himself as an entertainer, whistler and impersonator while he was on the campus, is now connected with the University of Wisconsin extension division, Madison.

He is known as "The Whistling Ranger" and makes appearances throughout Wisconsin speaking on the subject, "Our Western Wonderland." Gilstrap intends to return to the University next fall and complete work toward his degree.

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Drake Back in Naval Service

Frances "Ducky" Drake, '26ex, who was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1933, is back in the naval service after a time spent in the army.

Drake resigned from naval service to become a cadet in the Army Air corp at Barksdale Field upon graduation from Annapolis. Recently, he resigned from the Army service to accept an appointment as an officer and pilot in the Navy. He is stationed at Pensacola, Florida.

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Alumni Board Entertains Aggies

Alumni executive board members of the University and of the Oklahoma A. and M. college had Thanksgiving luncheon together in the Oklahoma Union before the Sooner-Aggie football game.

The University board was host at the Thanksgiving dinner this year. Earl

Foster, '12as, '13law, O. U. president, presided and called upon Charles Bloom, president of the Aggie board, A. O. Martin, Aggie alumni secretary, and Frank S. Cleckler, '21as, University alumni secretary, for short talks.

Assistance in helping pass a constitutional amendment that would allow A. and M. college to have a separate board of regents was asked by the Stillwater officials.

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Six Faculty Members Honored

Six University faculty members—two of them graduates of the University—were awarded fellowships for distinguished service by the Oklahoma Academy of Science when it met on the campus during December.

The six who were honored were Dr. Leonard Logan, '14as, on leave of absence as a member of the state planning board; Dr. Lloyd E. Swearingen, '20as, '21M.S., professor of chemistry; Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, associate professor of government; Dr. George Van Lear, assistant professor of physics; Dr. A. B. Thomas, associate professor of history; and Dr. J. L. Ryan, associate professor of economics.

Dr. Duane Roller, '23as, '25M.S., professor of physics at the University, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Academy of Science.

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Students Placed on Probation

Twenty-two University students were placed on probation and were denied social privileges as a result of participation in an unapproved party.

Seventeen members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity chartered a bus and went to an Oklahoma City night club one night after an approved dance in Norman. They took women students with them. Five of the women, all members of Kappa Alpha Theta, admitted attending, but others did not confess to participation.

All were placed on probation. The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was denied the right of having any more dances during the coming school year. The women students were denied the right of attending any dances until after March. The fraternity will not be allowed to have any more buffet suppers until March 1.

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1936 Football Schedule

September 26—Tulsa at Norman.

October 3—Colorado at Boulder.

October 10—Texas at Dallas.

October 17—Kansas at Lawrence.

October 24—Nebraska at Norman.

October 31—Iowa State at Ames.

November 7—Kansas State at Norman.

November 14—Missouri at Norman.

(Homecoming.)

November 21—Okla. Aggies at Stilwater.

November 27—Open date.

(Thanksgiving.)