

Oklahomans at home and abroad

WINTER is here and spring can't be far behind, so Ray Haun, '12as, Detroit, Mich., and Dr. V. E. Monnett, '12as, Norman, already are shooting letters back and forth with plans for the 25-year reunion to be held this spring by the Class of '12.

Plans are still in the formative stage, but it has been suggested that the class either publish a special magazine of its own or provide material for a special number of *The Sooner Magazine* to be issued about the first of May.

Collection of biographical material about members of the class, which includes alumni prominent in many fields, already has been started.

Marker for Mex

Mex, the white bulldog who for many years worked hard at the job of being Sooner football mascot, will lie in an unmarked grave no longer. During Homecoming, Chauncey Dolph, '22as, '24bs.med, '26med, now of Houston, Texas, contributed \$25 for a headstone to mark Mex's last resting place between Owen field and the Fieldhouse.

43 in legislature

A careful check of the records indicates there are 43 University graduates, former students or present students in the new legislature.

Nine graduates of the Sooner law school and one former student of the University are members of the State Senate. The House roster contains 33 Sooners.

The nine law graduates in the upper house are Dennis Bushyhead, '29, Claremore; Charles B. Duffy, '22, Ponca City; Merton Munson, '31, Lawton; J. A. Rinehart, '23, El Reno; Jack Rorschach, '31, Vinita; H. C. Ivester, '27, Sayre; Joe B. Thompson, '27, Ardmore; Tom C. Waldrep, '15, Shawnee; and James M. Wilson, '33, Enid. The tenth Sooner in the Senate is E. V. George, '26ex, Norman.

Sooners in the House are:

Malcolm Baucum, student, Sulphur, Murray county; Bryan Billings, '33ex, Oklahoma county; Herbert L. Branan, '32as, now a senior law student, Muskogee county; Dale Brown, student, Coalgate, Coal county; William O. Coe, '28law, Oklahoma county; J. T. Daniel, '25as; Waurika, Jefferson county; Noel Duncan, '31as, Cleveland, Pawnee county.

Paul Edwards, '31law, Enid, Garfield county; Harold Freeman, '25ex, Pauls Valley, Garvin county; Murray F. Gibbons,

Heads Fraternity



Tully Nettleton, '23

First Sooner graduate ever to become national president of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, is Tully Nettleton, '23as, now editorial writer for the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Mr. Nettleton was elected to the office at the annual convention of the fraternity held in November at Dallas, Texas.

After graduating from the University in 1923, he worked with the *Norman Transcript* and the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Times* before going to Boston, Mass., to join the staff of the *Christian Science Monitor*.

He now has an office in Washington and arranges for much of the material used in the newspaper's magazine section, in addition to doing research work and writing editorials.

'15ex, Oklahoma county; Finis C. Gillespie, Jr., '33as, '35law, Hobart, Kiowa county; Francis Goodpastor, '33ex, Vinita, Craig county; Louie Gossett, '23law, Antlers, Pushmataha county; Ben Huey, '31law, Norman, Cleveland county; Harry "Dutch" Hill, student, Chickasha, Grady county; J. Kenneth Hogue, '35 law, Carnegie, Caddo county.

Huby Jordan, '31ex, Kiowa, Pittsburg county; Aubrey Kerr, '28law, Ada, Pontotoc county; B. B. Kerr, '31law, Oklahoma City; Glade R. Kirkpatrick, '27ex, Tulsa county; Bert Larason, '30as, Fargo, Ellis county; A. E. Montgomery, '15law, Tulsa county; Floyd H. Norris, '35law, Tahlequah, Cherokee county; George W. Oliphant, '31law, Holdenville, Hughes county; Roy H. Page, '30ex, Kellyville, Creek county.

Leon C. Phillips, '16 law, Okemah, Okfuskee county; C. W. Schwoerke, '31law, Oklahoma county; Jessie E. Taylor, '30as, '36law, Woodward, Woodward county; M. H. Thornton, '10ex, Muskogee county; Wilson Wallace, student, Carter county; S. G. Whitaker, '37law, Marlow, Stephens county; Webster Wilder, Jr., '33law, Cherokee, Alfalfa county; Marvin Wooten, '31ex, Konawa, Seminole county.

Presides at convention

Richard H. Cloyd, '19as, '28law, Norman attorney, presided as province president at a province convention of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity December 3-5 at Denver, Colo. Earl Sneed, Jr., '34as, '37law, was the delegate from Holmes Inn, the University of Oklahoma chapter of the fraternity.

The school year 1936-37 is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University chapter, and a reunion of members is planned in May, 1937.

New pledges of the chapter for the fall of 1936 include Harry H. Alley, Henry O. Boatright, Herbert L. Branan, John Clark Caldwell, Coburn Byron Kidd, Wesley M. Langdon, Kenneth M. Robinson, Burdette Connor Smith, Maurice E. Stuart, John Frank Taylor and Granville Tomerlin.

No lobbying

A resolution declaring that University employes should refrain from contacting members of the legislature to promote measures concerning their departments or other departments of the University was adopted at the December meeting of the Board of Regents.

The resolution stated:

The president and the Board of Regents are the only proper channel through which recommendations concerning the administration of the university as a whole or in any of its parts, should reach the legislature or other state officials and authorities.

Without the knowledge and approval of the president, no employe of the university should initiate, or promote with individual members of the legislature or other state authorities, any recommendation concerning general university policies or concerning his personal advancement, the advancement of his department, or the advancement of any other individual or department. This applies also to encouragement of activity among students or groups of students.

An employe of the university, who, by invitation of a member of the legislature or a state official, shall discuss policies affecting the university as a whole or any of its parts is under an obligation of honor to inform the president of the nature of such discussion.

The purpose of this statement of principles is to restrain members of the faculty and other uni-

versity employes from interceding with members of the legislature or other state officials for personal or departmental favors or for favors to other individuals or departments.

It seems obvious that discrimination in favor of one individual or department must, in general, be at the expense of other individuals and departments; hence this statement of principles, whose adoption imposes an obligation which faculty members may not honorably disregard.

Army examination

Five graduates of the School of Pharmacy planned to take an examination in December for second lieutenant positions in the medical administrative corps of the United States Army. They are Herman Jones, '36, Gordon Utter, '36, Bill Bray, '32, Orin Richardson, '31, and Robert Gowan, '29.

Judge candidates

As this issue of the magazine went to press, three University alumni were being mentioned as among the leading aspirants for the new federal judge to be appointed in Oklahoma. The *Oklahoma City Times* said that the contest had been narrowed down largely to four men, including A. P. Murrah, '28law, Oklahoma City; Royce Savage, '25as, '27law, Tulsa, and Fletcher Riley, '17as, Oklahoma City. The fourth man listed was E. L. Richardson, Lawton. The appointment is in the hands of Senator-Elect Josh Lee and Senator Elmer Thomas, subject to approval of the Department of Justice.

The minority

Two of the three Republicans who survived the state Democratic landslide and were elected to the state House of Representatives in November are Sooners—Webster Wilder, Jr., '33as, '33law, and Paul Edwards, '31ex. Edwards is from Garfield county and Wilder, who was re-elected to the house, is from Alfalfa county. The third Republican in the house is Floyd Carrier, of Garfield county.

On scientific programs

University alumni who prepared papers for reading at the annual fall meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science held in December at Oklahoma A. and M. college, Stillwater, included:

Glenn C. Couch, '31as, instructor in botany; Margaret Kaeiser, '34as, '36ms, secretary in the department of botany; Leslie Hewes, '28as, instructor in geography; Dr. A. C. Shead, '19as, '23ms, assistant professor of chemistry; and Dr. F. W. Crawford, '29ms, '34ph.d, instructor in physics.

Graduate students in the University who prepared papers are Mrs. Mable Frings, Hubert Frings, Lawrence Mantooth, William J. Hilsweck, Nina Bohn, Warren Constant, H. Born, W. Butcher, H. Tappan, Hugh Eley, Newton Ward, G. T. Pelsor, R. C. Sweet, James Hocker and R. Crim Cornett.

Honor Guest



R. O. Courtright '14

A Sooner who has gone far toward the top in the coaching field was one of the outstanding guests at the annual Homecoming celebration of 1936. He is R. O. Courtright, '14as, now backfield coach at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Mr. Courtright traveled all the way from Ann Arbor to attend the annual alumni dinner-dance in Oklahoma City and to see the Sooner-Missouri game. Writing to Secretary Ted Beaird after he returned to Ann Arbor, he said: "It was a great pleasure to renew old acquaintances again. It certainly was worth taking the long trip, and I am only sorry I could not remain longer."

He has had a successful career as director and coach at Pittsburg State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kans.; University of Nevada, Colorado School of Mines and University of Michigan.

Appointed to the Michigan coaching staff in 1927, he at first had charge of the "B" team which then played a regular schedule. After making a notable record in this field, he was promoted in 1932 to the post of backfield coach for the varsity and freshman basketball coach. He has also coached varsity tennis and varsity golf, as well as teaching classes in physical education.

His record as a student in the University was remarkable, as he made Phi Beta Kappa while winning four varsity letters in sport for each of three consecutive years, in football, baseball, track and basketball. He also found time to sing in the quartet and glee club. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Mountain drama

Two University law school graduates met on opposite sides of a deer-slaying trial in mountainous Pushmataha county recently, an occasion which attracted so much public attention that officials decided to hold the trial right out on the porch of the hardware store at Clayton, so the crowd could see and hear.

Jess Pullen, '24ex, assistant state attorney general, was sent to prosecute the case because the charge was too unpopular for local authorities to handle. Joe Stamper,

'33as, '35law, who in January will become county attorney, defended the hill country youth charged with slaying and selling a deer. The jurors sat on the edges of their chairs as Stamper attacked the "money-interests" on charges that they were buying deer at will, and as he deplored that the law should single out a farm boy to pay the penalty.

The verdict, returned without any hesitation, was "not guilty."

Oratorio soloists

Wilda Griffin, '27fa, '33fa.psm, and Earl A. VirDen, '32fa, both on the University voice faculty, were among the soloists assigned leading parts in a presentation of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," by the University Choral union December 13 in the McFarland Memorial church in Norman.

Board members

Mart Brown, '29law, Clarence Black, '30law, and Rex Belisle, '21law, are among the newly elected directors of the Oklahoma County Bar association which held its annual meeting recently.

CAMPUS REVIEW

Indignaton week

Tempers rose rapidly in Norman on a recent morning when the *Daily Oklahoman* came forth with a two-column spread on page one which included:

1. A letter signed "Norman Merchant" bitterly assailing the University administration and charging the student body with loose morals on a wholesale scale.

2. An assignment from the managing editor to reporter Frank Dennis, '29as, to spend a week in Norman, run around town in the evenings, and report what he found.

3. A report from Dennis giving the student body a clean bill of health.

Unfortunately, many persons apparently read only the denunciatory letter; failed to read the sensible report at the bottom of the column that scotched it.

Norman civic leaders, University authorities and the student body rose in wrath to protest. Some typical comments:

President W. B. Bizzell—"Outrageous slander on the students of the University. While the statement of Frank Dennis repudiated it completely, his statement cannot offset the harm that has been done the university by the publication of the letter from some unknown individual who claims to live in Norman."

Joint statement of Norman Chamber of Commerce and Retail Credit Men's association: "As citizens of Norman in close contact with student life we believe the University administration is conscientiously and effectively doing all within its power to protect and promote high student morals and maintain a wholesome atmosphere on the campus."

Ralph Kenyon, president of the men's council: "The letter evidently was written by a man who did not know the facts or one who intended deliberately to insult the students of the University. I know personally that the students of the University are cleaner on the average than most people of the same age. The University has established and is enforcing every possible type of regulation to uphold the moral standards among students."

The Oklahoma News: "Common decency would compel a newspaper to refrain from publishing a charge after investigation had disclosed the falsity of the charge."

The report which Dennis made on student life in Norman—a report made to an editor who decreed "Don't pull your punch"—should be read by all alumni and kept in mind for citing to parents of prospective University students who fear things are not as they should be in Norman.

Dennis' report to his editor:

Norman is the driest city I ever saw.

I spent a very pleasant week there, saw nothing out-of-the-way except several tuxedoed drunks Saturday night, and saw thousands of students studying, working or engaging in entirely wholesome recreation. Boys and girls strolling whole hand in hand I place in the last category.

It was a real chore to buy a drink.

I spent an hour and a half and \$3.50 getting a pint of whiskey, had to go to the next county to get it, and if you are acquainted with Old Quaker you know I didn't get very much for your money.

A taxi driver said he couldn't guarantee to find a bootlegger, but would try. First he took me to a ramshackle house near the state hospital, but the man there said he had quit the business. Then we set out for the other side of the Canadian, picking up an ex-bootlegger on the way as a guide. This fellow said the law had made it so hot for him that he had quit selling whiskey. A five-mile drive, part of it through a jungle along the riverbank, produced the bourbon at the second stop. I bought that because it was all there was. It was an hour and a half before we got back to Norman, the liquor had cost \$1.75 a pint, the taxi bill was \$1.75, and I don't think there's one student in ten who could spare that much money once a week for whiskey.

The kids I saw drunk Saturday night were stags at a fraternity dance. They looked like boys who were drowning the sorrows that grow out of puppy love, or thought they were smart. They weren't harming anybody or threatening any merchants.

At the Independent Men's association dance in the Union, there probably wasn't a pint in the crowd. A. E. Thomas, a wary University official who is the watchdog at the independent

dances, said he hadn't seen any drunkenness there all year. Since the students have been able to get 3.2 beer or better they have lost interest in the hard stuff, he said.

I suppose this sounds as if the University student body is about 100 per cent lily white. It isn't. There are thousands of boys and girls thrown together there, and the custom of the place allows for some pretty promiscuous dating. A lot of girls—one per cent would be a lot in the aggregate—slip out for late dates on week end nights, and the midweek no-date rule either is unenforced or unenforceable.

I gathered that love finds an opportunity in Norman as elsewhere; that a good many boys spend a lot of time in Oklahoma City, and as boys don't have to be in at fixed hours, probably many spend the night in the city.

I learned that liquor is easily obtained at a couple of roadhouses on the Oklahoma City-Norman highway in Oklahoma county; that there are no disorderly houses in Norman; that there is a place on the river south of town called "Hell's Half Acre" for romantic reasons; that the no-car rule is strictly enforced, and that the cab drivers shun trips to the country because their insurance doesn't cover excursions far from the city limits.

The guy who wrote the letter is just dead wrong about unchaperoned bus trips. There was one last year, and the students were punished. The dean of women, Edna McDaniel, probably knows all about the late dating, but scarcely personally could pursue all violaters, even if that was her job, which it isn't.

It was my observation that the students are better protected, better disciplined, better behaved on the whole than those of the same age in other cities in the state. As a matter of fact, they seem less like flaming youth than a lot of Oklahoma City high school kids.

The hell-raisers are definitely fewer than the one per cent you suggest. For every hell-raiser there are a dozen serious-faced boys like the one who minds the popcorn machine in the Varsity shop, working his way through school and counting it a privilege.

Several hundred students responded to a call for a mass meeting and voted to boycott the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Times*.

Walter Harrison, managing editor of the two newspapers, was hanged in effigy early one morning by unknown critics.

What appeared to be the final chapter in the episode took place at a meeting of the Norman Forum when Mr. Harrison, along with Robert Fredericks of the *Oklahoma News* and Jenkin Lloyd Jones of the *Tulsa Tribune*, was on the speaking program.

Under a barrage of questions from students and faculty members asking why a newspaper would publish a letter without using the name of the writer, when the charges had been proved false, Mr.

Harrison declared that he believed the publication of the letter along with proof of its inaccuracy had done the University no harm.

"Those charges about student moral conditions have been circulated by word of mouth for the last five years. I consider it was a compliment to the University to bring it into the open and show that the charges were unfounded."

Mr. Harrison frankly admitted, however, that if he were doing it over again, he would print Dennis' report at the top of the column, to make sure that everyone who read the letter would also read the report showing the falsity of the accusations.

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Armaments make jobs

The large armies of Germany and other European countries are a form of unemployment relief, and Hitler does not really desire war for Germany, Dr. H. C. Peterson, instructor in history, said in the principal address at the annual founder's day banquet of the University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Despite the threats of a major war, Great Britain still has the balance of power in Europe and "has her hand on the brake," Dr. Peterson said.

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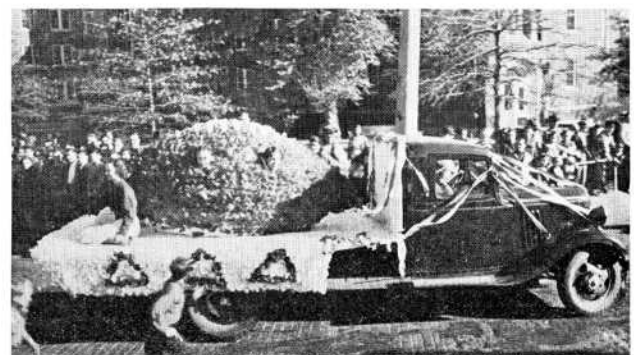
Building is inspected

Five hundred persons went through the new Biological Sciences building during a visiting day program sponsored by the botany and zoology departments and by members of biological societies. Events of the day included initiation of 21 pledges into Phi Sigma, a buffet supper sponsoring the new members, and a public address by Dr. J. E. Ackert, dean of the graduate school at Kansas State college, in the evening.

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Indian institute

Proposal for establishment of a \$1,000,000 Institute of Indian Affairs at the University of Oklahoma will be presented at the new session of Congress, President W. B. Bizzell has announced. The institute would give training for those planning to enter the Indian service, would aid those doing research in Indian history, and would help preserve Indian culture.



This float showing a large red-paper football with the heads of charming co-eds peeping out won first prize in the annual homecoming parade. The float was entered by Delta Delta Delta sorority.