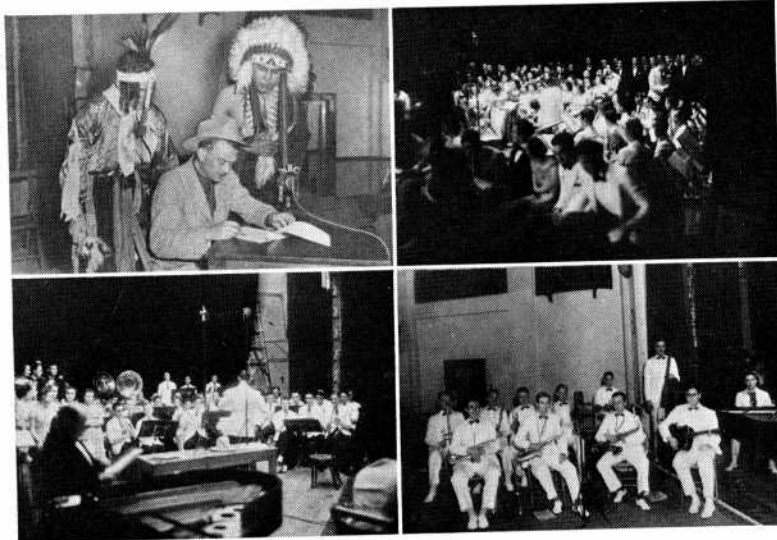


# Campus review



When the Sooner Varsity Show went on a national network, highlights included Announcer John Held, Jr. and Indian student war dancers (upper left); the O. U. glee clubs, the Concert Band, and the Ramblers dance orchestra.

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**A**T the annual Five-Star Final dinner, the Sooners' version of the newspaper gridiron banquet, a good time was had by all—even by those who were fed first only to be roasted on the gridiron later.

No mercy was shown in the fast-paced satire of the year's news events called "The March of Slime." Co-authors John Runyan and Walter Goodstein showed the backstage angle of campus news dramas of the year. Such prominent folk as President W. B. Bizzell and Dean A. B. Adams of the college of business administration sat in the audience and watched themselves portrayed on the stage. All was in good-natured fun.

Speaker of the evening at the Five-Star Final was personable, smooth-talking Drew Pearson who, with Robert Allen, writes the syndicated column, "Washington Merry-Go-Round." Pearson kept an audience of approximately three hundred listening with intent interest while he gave inside news of happenings in the nation's capitol.

Pearson roasted many prominent political figures on his personal gridiron. He predicted that the president would win his Supreme Court fight by a narrow margin in the Senate. Charming, dark-haired Mrs. Pearson, seated at his side, looked up, smiled and shook her head negatively.

At conclusion of the dinner, achievement awards were presented by toastmaster Jenkin Lloyd Jones, young managing editor of the *Tulsa Tribune*. Erik Rhodes, (Ernest Sharpe, '27) screen actor, was the alumnus given an award "for his versatility in having mastered, not one, but several of the theater arts." Others receiving awards were Dr. M.

Shadid of Elk City; Kenneth C. Kaufman, associate professor of modern languages; Jerome Dowd, head of the department of sociology; and Boyce Timmons, Pawhuska, senior in the law school.

### Miss McDaniel leaves

In a precedent-smashing move, the Board of Regents abolished the office of Dean of Women in the University at its last meeting. Attractive, blonde-haired, 36-year-old Miss Margaret Stephenson will handle duties of the dean's office. But her title will be "counselor of women"—not dean—at her own request.

Completing an eleven-year period of service to the university, Dean Edna E. McDaniel will leave Norman July 1 for Washington, D. C. where she will do educational work for the federal government. Miss McDaniel resigned from the dean's post earlier in the year.

Miss Stephenson has served as dean of women at the Northwestern Missouri

State Teachers College, Marysville, for the last six years. Previously, she was director of extracurricular activities at Harding Junior high school, Oklahoma City.

Other actions taken by the regents included grants of leaves of absence to three faculty members: Dr. B. A. Botkin, professor of English; J. Willis Stovall, assistant professor of geology; and C. R. Bailey, instructor in chemistry. Resignation of Merwin Elwell, instructor in dramatic art, was accepted. An increase was made in the number of admissions to be accepted from individual counties to the School of Medicine.

### Meet visitors crowd campus

High school students, in hordes, took over the campus from April 28 to May 2, during the annual Oklahoma Interscholastic Meet. The high schoolers kicked over the traces (one restaurant man estimated he sold them 450 hamburgers in one day) and marveled at the college students, who basked in the youngsters' admiration.

Tulsa won the state track championship, and Classen high school in Oklahoma City the debate tournament. Durant high school captured highest honors in the music division of the meet, and Chickasha high school won the curricular contests. *Tulsa School Life* took first in class A competition among high school newspapers.

### Economic nationalism scored

Frances B. Sayre, assistant secretary of state, visited the campus April 27 and spoke before students and faculty members on "Fundamentals for Peace."

Sayre declared that unchecked nationalism would eventually lead to war. He



Honored as outstanding Home Economics student is Exel Allender, who received the annual award of Oikonomia sorority.

outlined a "must" peace policy of "world trade unhampered by excessive barriers and restrictions." The statesman stressed the vital independence of nations, concluding that, "American trade policy must transcend party lines."

#### War is condemned

"The youth of America alone can save us from emotional exploitation," shouted a young student peace leader from the steps of the Administration building the morning of April 22. More than one thousand students, dismissed from classes, cheered his words.

"It's useless, it's futile, it's wrong! We must not fight," urged the student orator. Someone in the audience shouted, "Yip-pee!" and cheers rose to the balmy blue skies overhead.

The occasion was the local participation in a nationwide collegiate "strike against war."

#### Turns down movie offer

"Hi, there, Movie Star," is the way friends of Katherine Bretch, Oklahoma City, greet her now since her trip to Hollywood recently as the University's most beautiful coed. Brown-haired, blue-eyed, stately-tall Katherine spent six excitement-filled days in the film capital, hobnobbing with the movie stars. With three other midwestern co-eds she was guest of the Comedians' Congress for Choosing Comely Co-eds. She is the daughter of two Sooner alumni, Don Bretch, '14law and Beatrice von Keller Bretch, '12, Oklahoma City. Mr. Bretch was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon when in school. Mrs. Bretch was a charter member of Mortar Board, and Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Although offered a part in a movie now in production, Katherine turned it down in favor of finishing college and pursuing her ambition to become a commercial artist. She is a sophomore in the college of fine arts and is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

#### Professors hold conference

University professors unanimously voiced a desire to be allowed to participate in the government of their institutions at a regional meeting of the American Association of University Professors late in April.

"Lack of participation hurts the morale of faculty members," one professor pointed out.

#### Talent shown in broadcast

University talent was broadcast over the airplanes of NBC the night of April 23 when O. U. joined the Pontiac Varsity show series.

Shaped up by the deft hands of Jack Roche, Paul Dumont and John Held, Jr., the program was a well-rounded enter-



—Picture by courtesy of *The Covered Wagon*.

*Joe Penner vocally imitates his famed duck, "Goo Goo," for Sooner beauty, Katherine Bretch (front row, left) and three other mid-west co-ed beauty queens during their exciting visit to Hollywood.*

taining display of student talent. Held, the foster father of Joe College and famed caricaturist, served as master of ceremonies. He was assisted by Bob Lane and Claude Traverse of Oklahoma City.

The program opened to the beat of tom-toms and Indian dances and raced on to the Ramblers dance orchestra's jazzy rendition of "King Porter Stomp." The O. U. band, the girls' glee club and the men's and women's quartets donated their organized efforts. Phantom Mask, radio dramatic society gave a clever three-minute skit of an "oil college" commencement. Jack Wilson, Enid, played and sang his own composition, "I Couldn't Understand." Neal Shirley, Medford, and William Hubbell, Oklahoma City, played a vibra-harp duo.

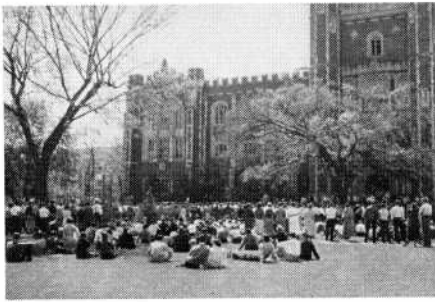
Here are some of the typical comments on the broadcast:

"For us, far away from Soonerland, it

was quite a thrill to have the University brought to us by radio. It was a fine program; we liked especially the song composed and sung by—was his name Jack Wilson?"—Dorothy Walter Cathriner, '21, Whittier, Calif.

"Your program was very much enjoyed by Mrs. Edwards and myself. I confess we both shed a tear to hear the familiar strain of youthful voices in the songs and skits. While all our old classmates have left the campus, we could imagine their prototypes in the individual skits, personalities and groups presented. I guess that old spirit still prevades the campus that made our year at O. U. the happiest of our lives."—William E. Edwards, '29, and Oleta B. Edwards, '32ex, Los Angeles, Calif.

"I heard the Oklahoma program last Friday evening and was greatly impressed with it. It had so much drive, variety, and altogether real entertainment, that I



The peace "demonstration" at O. U. was quite peaceful, as the picture shows.

was proud of Oklahoma as representing this Missouri Valley sector on the national hook-up."—Fred Ellsworth, general secretary, University of Kansas Alumni Association, Lawrence, Kan.

"Congratulations on your Radio Show, from a Nebraska grad. Nice musical numbers, etc."—Dr. J. Walter Hough, New York City.

"It gave me a thrill to sit here in my room in the center of Mexico and hear those voices from home."—Mary E. Wilson, Aguascalenti, Mexico.

"Certainly was a snappy, well balanced and representative program and a thrill to us (O. U. Alums) to hear a Norman program over the Red Network. This Jack Wilson has a fine radio voice and a good song too."—Lee Stigler, Chicago, Ill.

"We heard your program Friday evening. I was raised in Oklahoma. You were swell. I thought you'd like to know it reached so far away."—Mrs. Laura Ellis, Oakdale, Calif. (formerly Laura Robertson of Holdenville, Okla.)

And this from H. J. Klingler, of the Pontiac company which sponsored the broadcast:

"After the splendid broadcast from the Fine Arts Auditorium last Friday night, I want you to know how much we here at Pontiac, appreciate your assistance in making it such a success.

"We have many fine comments from all over the country, which indicate that not only were the alumni of the University of Oklahoma pleased, but that the broadcast was well received by the radio audience as a whole."

Honoring Lawrence N. "Fess" Morgan, who has served on the faculty for 25 years, the English department gave a dinner May 5 at the Faculty club. A painting of Morgan by Patricio Gimeno was unveiled at the dinner and presented to T. H. Brewer, head of the department of English. Miss Catherine Holman, instructor in English, represented the women of the faculty with a short speech, and Joseph P. Blickensderfer, professor of English, spoke on "Morgan as a Teacher."

### With the faculty

Dr. Benjamin A. Botkin, assistant professor of English, has won an \$1,800 fellowship through the Julius Rosenwald fund as one of five persons showing "unusual achievement and promise." The award will enable him to do critical studies of folk and regional movements in the south. He has been granted leave of absence to do research work.

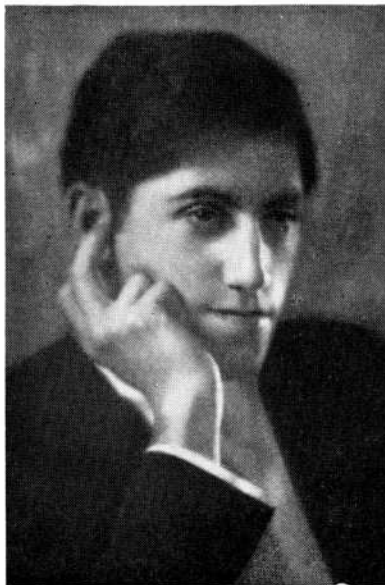
Dr. A. B. Thomas, associate professor of history, will do research work in the national archives of Mexico this summer with funds supplied by a grant-in-aid he received from the Social Science Research Council.

Three members of the University philosophy department participated in the three-day program of the National American Philosophical association at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. They were Dr. Charles M. Perry, head of the department; Dr. Howard O. Eaton, professor of philosophy; and Dr. Gustav Mueller, associate professor of philosophy.

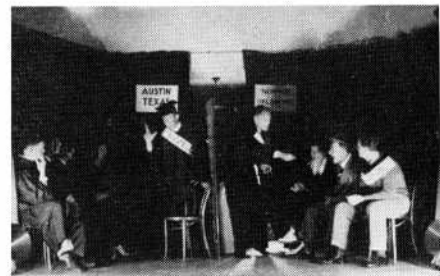
Dr. Edward Everett Dale, professor of history in the University, addressed members of the Mississippi Valley Historical association late in April at their meeting held in St. Louis. He completed a year as president of the association.

Dr. Randall Stewart, former English professor in the University, has been appointed professor of English literature at Brown university, Providence, R. I.

Dr. Paul B. Sears, professor of botany, spoke over a nationwide Columbia broadcasting system hookup May 1 on "Progress in the Dust Bowl."



Ben Botkin



Campus dignitaries suffered their annual razzing at the Five-Star Final Banquet of Sigma Delta Chi.

An award of 1,000 francs, about \$300, has been granted Dr. Gustav E. Mueller, associate professor of philosophy, as the 1936 Lucerne Foundation's Swiss national prize. The prize is given annually for distinguished contributions in science and letters.

An Ida Noyes fellowship for study and research in the field of paleontology at the University of Chicago has been awarded J. Willis Stovall, assistant professor of geology.

Dean Adams of the College of Business Administration was chosen a member of the executive council of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business at that organization's annual meeting held at Baton Rouge, La.

### Phi Delta Phi holds reunion

In recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Holmes Inn, the University of Oklahoma chapter of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, the active members and alumni held a reunion May 7 in Oklahoma City. All Phi Delta Phi members living in Oklahoma were invited to attend.

Holmes Inn was founded at the O. U. School of Law in 1912, the year of the first graduating class, and was named in honor of the late Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. The charter was granted to members of the Holmes Club, a local organization.

The active membership of Holmes Inn now includes thirty-six members and twenty-one pledges. Bland West, Norman, is Magister of the organization and Earl Sneed, Jr., Tulsa, is the Exchequer. Other officers are Robert J. Stanton, Arkansas City, Kan., Clerk; and Fred W. Dunlevy, Oklahoma City, Historian.

The program of the reunion included registration and a general session in the early afternoon at the Oklahoma Club, initiation of pledges in the Supreme Court Chambers at the State Capitol at 4:30 p. m., and a banquet at the Oklahoma Club at 6:30 p. m.