

Campus Review



High School Band Day is becoming one of the big annual events on O. U. campus. Above, part of contest parade this year.

WHILE Mr. Tom Stidham and some sixty-odd husky young men have held the pivotal position in University of Oklahoma attention this fall, a few other events managed to share the campus spotlight with football during the past month.

One of these was the annual meeting of the Dads' Association October 22, when nearly five hundred fathers of University students assembled for their fourteenth yearly meeting to hear messages from administration authorities, pass resolutions and present awards.

With retiring President John E. Turner presiding, the gathering heard Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, predicts an enrolment of more than 10,000 when the institution celebrates its fiftieth birthday at the Semicentennial celebration in 1942.

"Here at the University" the president observed, "we are thinking in big terms. When we celebrate the Semicentennial in 1942, it is my prediction that we will have 10,000 students."

The president cited the University's need for more appropriations from the next Legislature—a plea augmented by the dads themselves who passed resolutions urging the state's lawmakers not to overlook their duty to provide for university's maintenance and specifically to re-

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duce the loss of gifted men and women from the faculty.

The association's awards to the two students outstanding on the campus went to Betty Coe Armstrong, Ponca City, and George Montgomery, Chickasha. Miss Armstrong is president of the Women's Self Government association, and Montgomery is a Phi Beta Kappa and a former member of the Men's Council.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity received the award for the fraternity having the most fathers represented at the meeting. The dads also awarded themselves some

prizes: one each to Joseph B. Mitchell, 67, of Pawhuska, and R. R. Whitely, 37, Marlow, for being the oldest and youngest members present; and recognition to J. B. McHugh, Kewanee, Illinois, and E. B. McMahan, Boise City.

Mr. McHugh drove the longest distance from outside the state to attend the meeting—846 miles from his home in Kewanee, while Mr. McMahan drove the longest distance from a point within the state—the 408 miles from Boise City to Norman.

Finished with the major part of their day's business, the fathers turned to the job of naming their officers for the next year. Earl Brown, Oklahoma City attorney, was elected president to succeed Mr. Turner. Eight vice presidents, one from each congressional district, chosen at the meeting are: Joseph B. Mitchell, Pawhuska, first district; J. T. Griffin, Muskogee, second; Elmer Hale, McAlester, third; H. W. Carver, Wewoka, fourth; Albert C. Hunt, Oklahoma City, fifth; Walter Morris, Anadarko, sixth; Dr. J. R. Hinshaw, Butler, seventh (re-elected), and R. F. Armstrong, Ponca City, eighth.

Who should serve as secretary and treasurer presented no knotty problem to the fathers. H. L. Muldrow, Norman, who has held down the job of secretary

CAMPUS CALENDAR

December 5-9—Recreation Short Course.

December 7—Debate between O. U. team and team from Oxford University and Cambridge University, England.

December 20—Basketball, Sooners vs. Arkansas.

December 21—Basketball, Sooners vs. Arkansas.

December 22—Christmas vacation begins, 5 p. m.

January 3—Classes resumed.

for fourteen years now—ever since the association was founded—again was re-elected, while to R. W. Hutto, also of Norman, again went the job of treasurer—for the ninth year.

Betas win award

The University chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity has won the plaque offered by the national fraternity for being the outstanding chapter of the fraternity in 1938, the competition being based on scholarship and activities.

Lawton band is winner

A smart-looking group of students from Lawton High School strutted away with top honors in the annual band day contest held at the University November 5.

Nearly forty music organizations, with a total membership of about 2,500 students, took part in the contest, which was conducted jointly by the Norman Chamber of Commerce and the University this year for the first time. Previously the event had been sponsored solely by the University.

Cups were presented by President Harold Cooksey of the Norman civic organization to the Lawton group and to Wilson High School band, which took second place. A plaque was presented by the University band to Ponca City High School's drum and bugle corps, while units from Chandler, Purcell and Ardmore received honorable mention.

Rhodes scholar candidates

Six students and a Muskogee newspaper reporter will represent the University of Oklahoma when the state committee on selection meets December 13 to pick the Rhodes scholarship candidates for the district elimination to be held at New Orleans, Louisiana, December 17.

They are Harry H. Cloudman, Oklahoma City; David Linebaugh, Muskogee; Fred Speakman, Sapulpa; George Montgomery, Chickasha; Arthur Spangler, Pauls Valley; Frank Finney, Bartlesville, and Dick Disney, Muskogee.

All the group are students, with the exception of Disney, a University graduate who is now a reporter on the *Muskogee Phoenix*.

Other state candidates who will participate in the state examinations are George M. Adams, Hominy, and Harold J. Born, Tulsa, both representing the University of Tulsa; William G. Harris, Ada, Yale University, and Phillip Hitchcock, a graduate of Central State Teachers College, Edmond.

They will appear before the committee at 9 o'clock on the date set. The examination will be conducted at the Oklahoma Club in Oklahoma City. Members of the committee on selection are Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma, chairman; Savoie Lottinville, director of the University of Oklahoma Press, secretary; Dr. John O. Moseley,



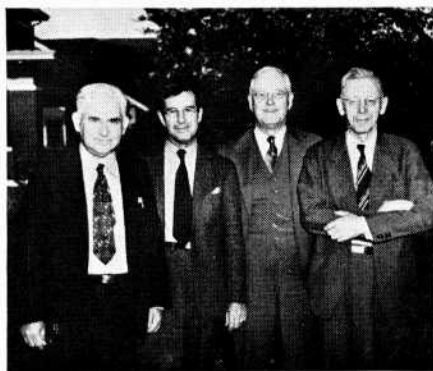
In the picture on the left are Earl Brown, Oklahoma City, new president of the University Dads Association, R. F. Armstrong of Ponca City and his daughter, Betty Coe Armstrong, winner of the Dads Day cup, and John E. Turner, retiring president of the Dads. In the picture on the left are T. T. Montgomery of Chickasha and son George who won the Dad's cup for most outstanding man student

president of Central State Teachers College, Edmond; Walter S. Campbell, professor of English at the University of Oklahoma, and Carl Albert, Oklahoma City lawyer. All members of the committee are former Rhodes scholars, with the exception of the chairman.

The two representatives whom they will select will compete with candidates from colleges and universities in five other southern states, including Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama and Mississippi. Both candidates selected by the committee last year, Jack Luttrell of Norman and Bill Earley of Oklahoma City, were successful in the district finals competition.

Awards for life saving

Quick action in pulling a drowning man from an Oklahoma City swimming pool and applying resuscitation methods



Four early-day graduates enjoy a reunion in Norman during the Oklahoma City meeting of the Southwestern Library Association: left to right, Dr. S. R. Hadsell, '04, of the faculty; Milton Ferguson, '01, chief librarian of the Brooklyn, New York, Public Library and president of the American Library Association; C. C. Roberts, '01, Oklahoma City banker; and J. L. Rader, '08, O. U. librarian

to save his life brought awards from the National Safety council to two University students last month.

Medals citing their heroism were presented Robert W. Danielson and Herbert W. Judy, Jr., both of Oklahoma City, as the concluding event of a two-day state safety conference held on the campus October 29 and 30. Danielson and Judy rescued Joe Sales from an Oklahoma City swimming pool last July after Sales had been stricken with cramps. Life-saving methods which they employed were credited with saving the life of Sales.

Play is popular

Since 1837 "The Drunkard" has been famed as a temperance play. Introduced originally during the administration of Andrew Jackson, this moralistic opus has been presented thousands of times, mainly as a means of pointing out liquor evils.

Early this fall the University Playhouse dusted off the ancient melodrama, and with actors, props and audience decked out along ante-bellum lines, presented the play on October 28, under direction of John Dunn, as the opening show of the season. Playgoers, who found they liked the revived art of throwing cabbages at the actors and hissing the villain, promptly established a new box office record.

After a two-day campus run, Director Rupel J. Jones of the school of drama decided to present *The Drunkard* in Oklahoma City November 11. Three thousand notices were sent to alumni living in Oklahoma City and surrounding cities advertising the play.

But four student actors, fearful a conflicting alumni dinner-dance might cut down their audience, acted to forestall such a disaster. On the preceding day, the state convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union opened in Oklahoma City.

Barely had the president's gavel called

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into the Union Building for coffee and tea and an hour and a half of hand-shaking and visiting. Compliments and praise came thick and fast as alumni of past years visited the large new pine-paneled recreation room added this year on the main floor of the Union, or visited the beautifully furnished lounge room which is only a year old.

Refreshments were served to the reception crowd by a committee headed by Mrs. Lewis Salter (Reaves Alford, '20, '23ma). Mrs. C. T. Langford (Janet Allen, '18) was general chairman for the reception. Herbert H. Scott, '26, headed the registration committee which stayed on duty all day in the lobby of the Union to greet the visiting Sooners. Dr. Leonard Logan, '14, was chairman of the committee of fraternity and sorority co-operation for Homecoming. A student committee appointed by the dean of men and dean of women had an active part in welcoming visitors at the Union and guiding them through the building to see the recent improvements.

The Homecoming registration cards showed that alumni were present for Homecoming from South Carolina, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia, Illinois, California, Washington, D. C., and the Panama Canal Zone. The alumna from the Canal Zone was Gladys Kimbro Knox, '24ma. From California came Perry Hettel, '21ex, who drove from Los Angeles, and according to the Oklahoma Daily, made the trip "just because I got homesick to attend Homecoming." He hadn't seen a Sooner football game since 1922. From Washington, D. C. came Paul A. Walker, '12law, who is a member of the Federal Communications Division and chairman of the O. U. Alumni Advisory Council in the national capitol. From Memphis, Tennessee, came J. L. Highsaw, '11, who had not been on the University campus a single time since his graduation twenty-seven years ago. Others from outside Oklahoma who registered are:

Illinois—Betty Love Jones, '38, Mattoon.

Kansas—Dale Brown, '36, Delphos; G. C. Cooper, '35, El Dorado; Mrs. F. S. Hathaway (Ruth Ann Parks, '15), Lucille Hodgson, '38, and Maudean Miller, '36, all of Wichita; and R. R. McCornack, '30law, Arkansas City.

Louisiana—C. C. Clark, '10, Shreveport.

Missouri—Helen Armstrong, '30, and E. H. Skinner, '23, both of Kansas City; Ed Gerkey, Jr., '30 Joplin; and Cecil L. Hunt, '26law, St. Louis.

New Mexico—John H. Black, '38ed.m, Portales; Elizabeth Klein, '34, and Virginia Klein, '35, both of Clovis; and Wayne D. McKowen, '34, Albuquerque.

South Carolina—Mrs. F. A. Hoshall (Mercedes Erixon, '26), Charleston.

Tennessee—Walter L. Berry, '18ex, and Mrs. Walter L. Berry (Clover Gorton, '18ex), of Memphis.

Texas—Don Bailey, '30, Joseph J. McConnell, '12ex, and Mrs. McConnell (Bess Brewer, '12ex), all of Dallas; W. S. Carper, '16, Cleburne; A. R. Douglas, '33, Electra; C. J. Duncan, '24, Burkburnett; M. T. Endicott, '34, and William C. Patterson, '35, both of Port Arthur; L. B. Holland, '18, Hereford; Charles F. Jones, '34, and Mrs. Charles F. Jones (Pauline Wynn, '34ex), of Phillips; Tom Losey, '33, and Mrs. Tom Losey (Janet Comfort, '32), Houston, and C. H. (Chuck) Newell, '09ex, Austin.

Virginia—Robert E. Wood, '30, Arlington.

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the dries' meeting to order when the convention in one breath gasped at the sight of four young men, one of whom was drinking from a flask-shaped bottle, staggering down the aisles. Behind them followed a newspaperman and a photographer.

With the meeting temporarily in wild disorder, one dry official shouted, "This is wet propaganda," and promptly summoned police.

Taken to the police station, the invaders identified themselves as University students publicizing *The Drunkard* and offered their flasks as proof their actions were harmless. The flasks contained coffee, and the W. C. T. U. members, after receiving an apology and serving milk to their uninvited guests, were satisfied.

So were Playhouse officials, who reported a "good" audience, including the W. C. T. U. delegates.

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Bentonelli in celebrity series

Every young man dreams of the time when he can tear away from home ties and go off to distant places to gain fame and fortune, and then return by way of the brass band route.

No brass band was awaiting Joseph Bentonelli, '32, when he arrived in his home town of Norman November 7, because his visits are too frequent for that, but his arrival was something in the nature of a triumph for the Chicago and New York opera star. Hundreds of his friends demonstrated they still appreciate Bentonelli's remarkable tenor voice by turning out to hear him open the 1938-39 season of the University Celebrity Series.

It was Bentonelli's first formal concert presented to a University audience since he jumped into the nation's spotlight two years ago as a new star in the Metropolitan Opera Company.

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Covering the campus

Sooner alumni who occasionally had business at the old court house in Norman will be pleased to learn that a bond issue has been approved for erecting a \$210,000 new court house building for Cleveland

County... A department of foods processing and manufacturing engineering, designed to train engineers to serve the rapidly growing processed foods industry has been added to the College of Engineering.

.... Number 1, Volume I of the *Extension Division News*, a four-page news bulletin telling about Extension Division activities made its appearance in October. The publication is to appear monthly from September to June... Dr. Joseph H. Rhoads, formerly on the business administration faculty and recently at Municipal University of Omaha, Nebraska, has been appointed an analyst for the Federal Trades Commission at Washington. Mrs. Rhoads is the former May Franks who was instructor in journalism at O. U. for a number of years... The University Band and Gordon Berger, glee club director and popular vocal soloist, participated in the Will Rogers Memorial service at Claremore.

.... About one hundred fifty students who are employed in full time jobs at points within a radius of about a hundred miles of Norman are enrolled in Saturday or evening classes this winter. One student drives regularly from Madill, near the Texas line, to attend Saturday classes.

.... Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority won first place in the stunt night program that climaxed University Health Week program... Major Eugene M. Kerr of Muskogee, member of the Board of Regents, is repeating this year his awards of \$50 and \$25 for the two best paintings by art students during the school year.

.... New president of the Junior Law Class is Streeter Speakman, Jr., of Sapulpa... The valuable books and manuscripts in the Phillips Collection of material on Southwestern history have brought to Norman John Oskison, native Oklahoman who now lives in New York and is an established writer. Mr. Oskison, author of *Black Jack Davy*, *Texas Titan*, *Brothers Three*, and other books, came to Norman to gather background material from the Phillips Collection... Death last month claimed Mrs. Mattie Mae Amrein, who for 18 years was house mother or housekeeper for Acacia fraternity. She had moved to Oklahoma City last March to live with her son.

.... Fred Hodges, student from Durant, is one undergraduate who knows that Sooner alumni take an interest in the student body. Ready to leave school because of a shortage of cash, Hodges hitch-hiked a ride with a motorist who turned out to be Obie Bristow, Sooner football captain in 1923 and now a Texas oil man. Hearing the student's story, Bristow brought him back to Norman, verified his story, and furnished enough money to keep Hodges in school... The Extension Division has organized thirty-five centers at various points over the state where graduate courses in education are given.

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