

The Campus Review

By Jim Flinchum, '39

THE Munich conference not only salvaged the peace of Europe, but also guaranteed an undisturbed educational career at Oxford university for Jack Luttrell and Bill Earley, who won Rhodes scholarships last year.

With a group of other American Rhodes scholars, the two Oklahoma youths were ready to sail to England on the morning of September 26 when a telegram from President Frank Aydelotte of Swarthmore college, acting on the advice of Rhodes trustees in London, halted their departure.

Alarming conditions rapidly developing from Chancellor Hitler's proposed annexation of Sudeten Czechoslovakia prompted the move by the cautious Rhodes authorities, who were unwilling to risk the lives of the students in the event of another general European war.

While diplomats were nervously rushing in and out of the German chancellery and No. 10 Downing street, the 26 American students waited at Swarthmore for the storm to blow over.

Even with the speedy termination of negotiations, Luttrell, Earley and their companions were four days late when they finally arrived and enrolled on October 13.

Meanwhile, with the latest group of Oklahoma representatives to Oxford safely entrenched in their studies, announcement has been made that the state committee of selection will meet in Oklahoma City on December 13 to select the two new state candidates for the district finals to be held at New Orleans, La., December 17.

Kayser has adventure

While the Rhodes scholars were matriculating, another University graduate found adventure abroad last month—this time, in another section of the world.

Returning from a three and one-half months' cruise to Alaska and Arctic regions, the 36-foot motor cruiser Pandora, carrying as a crew member John Kayser of Chickasha, was disabled by an ailing motor on October 8 off the coast of British Columbia.

After sending out distress signals, the boat finally was taken in tow by a United States coast guard cutter and safely brought into harbor at Ocean Falls, B. C.

Accompanying Kayser, who graduated from the School of Journalism in June, was an Oklahoma explorer-evangelist and leader of the expedition, Dr. Homer F. Kellemers, of Delaware, and Engineer Clarence Lee, Fort Scott, Kans. The group was returning from a trip to Point Barrow, Alaska, on the coast where they had erected a monument marking the place where two other Oklahomans, Will Rogers and Wiley

CAMPUS CALENDAR

November 5—Sooner-Kansas State football game at Norman.

November 8—Norman Forum. Upton Close, speaker.

November 8—Celebrity Series, concert by Joseph Bentonelli.

November 10-12—Third Annual Street and Highway Conference.

November 11—Pre-Homecoming dinner-dance for alumni, Oklahoma City.

November 12—Homecoming: parade, alumni Executive Board meeting, Sooner-Missouri football game, reception for alumni and former students after game.

November 12—Annual meeting Superintendents Division of Oklahoma Education Association.

November 15—Norman Forum, Edwin Elliott, speaker.

November 17-20—Parent-Teacher Seminar.

November 17-19—Playhouse Festival.

November 22—Celebrity Series, program by Ronny Johannsen, Swedish ballerina.

December 2-3—Conference of High School Principals and Superintendents.

December 3—Sooner-Washington State football game, Norman.

Post, were killed in an airplane crash on August 15, 1935.

Gentle riot enjoyed

Celebrating their annual "walkout" early in October, campus fraternity and sorority pledges promptly established a new record for pre-initiation activities by wholesale ducking of Greek order members in the mirror pool which fronts the Fieldhouse.

Scores of struggling members were abducted and carried to the pool as pledges battled to kick over the traces on their only official day to exhibit their contention that the human race is not as inhibited as it is supposed to be.

Following an afternoon of gentle riot, the neophytes congregated in the Union ballroom for a dance. Their recreation was repeatedly interrupted, however, by assaults from the exterior of the building by attacking Greek-men.

When the "dance" had reached the proportions of a major siege, with pledges bombarding members with eggs and over-ripe tomatoes, and the members returning the fire, the zealous students were routed by a flank attack by Dean of Men J. F. Findlay, who was left in possession of the field.

With military maneuvers reduced to mere skirmishing, most of the pledges retired to their respective houses to repair mangled shins and other damages, while University authorities decided some "changes"

would have to made in the walkout procedure.

Later, a committee of the Interfraternity Council was appointed to investigate the walkout.

Death takes two friends of O. U.

Two men long famous for the aid they have extended to University students died last month.

They were Alexander Letzeiser, president of an Oklahoma City manufacturing jewelry firm, and C. E. McCormick, Norman dairy plant owner.

Mr. Letzeiser, a victim of heart disease, started the annual custom of awarding medals to outstanding University students in 1914. At the time of his death, the two gold Letzeiser awards were regarded as the most cherished trophies students could carry home with them following their graduation. Eulogizing Mr. Letzeiser as a "genuine friend of the University," President Bizzell said:

"The news of the death of Mr. Letzeiser will bring sorrow to thousands of students and former students of the University. He was a genuine friend of the institution and through his annual awards, he did much to stimulate high resolve and determination on the part of many students."

The elderly jeweler not only was benefactor to hundreds of University students, but he also gave awards to students in Oklahoma City University and Central and Capitol Hill High Schools.

Mr. McCormick was noted for his many philanthropic projects and especially his aid to University students financially handicapped in the quest of an education. An ardent sports fan, much of his effort was concentrated on providing jobs for Sooner athletes.

"I imagine C. E. McCormick has probably given as many, if not more, jobs to students than any other man in this part of the state," said Emil R. Kraettli, secretary of the University.

The extent of his support to the University probably can never be determined, because of the quiet and unobtrusive way in which his work was carried out.

"Sometimes he would give jobs, and then again he would reach down in his pocket and quietly slip \$5 or \$10 into the hands of some needy student," a close friend recalled.

Educational experiment

During November, University authorities will be completing plans for the establishment of a unique feature in education—a school in public affairs which will provide governmental training for at least fifty state youths of indigent families.

In co-operation with the National Youth Administration, which will provide funds for the students' support, the University will offer courses in government and other phases of public administration to the group.

Willing, eager, but unable to obtain the



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funds for a college career, the students who will make up this establishment will be carefully selected from more than a thousand graduates of Oklahoma high schools. Their board and spending money will come from salaries of \$26 per month to be paid each student. Of this amount, it is estimated that at least \$16 will go for food, leaving \$10 for incidental personal expenses.

A dormitory will be furnished by the University. The costs of this contribution may prove to be relatively small, however, with indications that Civilian Conservation Corps barracks soon to be abandoned may be loaned for the purpose.



Additional pledge list

The list of pledges to Theta Kappa Phi fraternity, which reached the Dean of Men's office after the October issue of the *Sooner Magazine* had gone to press, is as follows:

Francis Ast, Yukon; Marvin Cullen, Woodward; Charles Campbell, Tulsa; James Dolan, Wellsville, New York; Jerry Dougherty, Tulsa; John Hoagland, Tulsa; John McCarthy, Seminole; Dan Murphy, Oklahoma City; Jack Murphy, Oklahoma City.



Dallas game debate

A chance that Norman might again become the scene of the Oklahoma-Texas football game in alternate years was blasted last month after President Bizzell renewed an attempt to change the Dallas game arrangement to a home-and-home game schedule.

Prompted by "disappointing" financial receipts from this year's Dallas game, the president sent up a trial balloon on the recurring question of a change by announcing he would seek to have Norman and Austin become the scenes of the Sooner-Longhorn grid contests.

He contended the 17,000 attendance at Dallas this year was disappointing in view of the fact that no other major football game was played in Texas on the day of the Texas-Oklahoma classic. He offered the further argument that Oklahomans should receive some business benefit from the crowds which flock annually to see the games.

The president joined Oklahoma City sports editors in criticizing the practice of Texas State Fair officials in charging football spectators for admission to the fairgrounds.

On the following day, Head Football Coach Dana X. Bible of the University of Texas, supported by Business Manager Ed Cole, turned a cold shoulder to Dr. Bizzell's suggestion.

In a statement candidly revealing the Texans' attitude, Bible declared, "The matter was discussed thoroughly before the new contract was signed. We feel that it means more to Texas to have the game played annually at the state fair at Dallas. It gives our students an opportunity to see the fair and it means another game for us in Texas each year."

Earlier, Acting President J. W. Calhoun of the University of Texas had sidestepped the question by declaring he would leave it up to the two universities' athletic councils.

The influence of Dallas, regarded as one of the strongest cities in Texas politics, was blamed by observers here for the reluctance of Texas officials to consider a change. It was pointed out that Austin merchants would receive as much, if not more, benefit from the change than Norman and other Oklahoma cities.

Meanwhile, the ten-year contract providing for the Dallas game, which expired this year, will be continued for another five years by a new agreement signed in 1937.



Every man a president

The University's senior law class had the public guffawing last month over the newest Sooner antics.

The cane-toting lawyers, faced with the problem of electing a new president of the class, decided no one should have feelings hurt, so they solved their quandary by electing the whole class.

Not only did the 90-odd members elect themselves presidents, but they also elected themselves vice presidents.

Each member will serve as president for 24 hours, with the member in office on Friday continuing his "duties" over the weekend. The presidents will be chosen by lot, to serve in the order their names are drawn. Each member will act as vice president on the day preceding his "term" as president.

When the list has been exhausted, members explained, they will start all over again.

"It's 'every man a President' for us," declared President Bryan L. Rakestraw.

"Now every mother's dream has come true," declared another president.



Collegiate glamour is well personified in a Band Queen, and pretty Mary Yetman, from Oklahoma City, upholds the tradition as glamour girl for the O. U. Band.

Musical programs praised

An article about musical programs at the University of Oklahoma, in which the O. U. music faculty is praised for its work and its good taste, was published in *The Musician* for August.

Titled *American Music in Oklahoma* and written by Nicholas DeVore, the article commends the Symphony Orchestra concerts and the opera productions sponsored in recent years by the School of Music with co-operation of other divisions of the College of Fine Arts.

"In the chamber music recitals Professor Paul Carpenter has set an example by way of recognition of contemporary American composers that should bring him a salute from every American institution," the article stated. "Take the final pair of Spring recitals and see where else you could find them duplicated—and on the same day: afternoon and evening programs."

The cover picture for this issue of *The Musician*, incidentally, is a photograph of Joseph Bentonelli, '21, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Association of New York and frequently a radio singer.



Extension activities increased

Annual report of the University Extension Division, headed by Herbert Scott, '26, shows an increase of 37 per cent in services performed during the last year.

The greatly enlarged program of short courses had a favorable response from the public and 4,647 persons were attracted to the campus by the short course program.

To meet demands of school executives and teachers for in-service training graduate education classes were conducted last

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year in Ardmore, Altus, Chickasha, Elk City, Seminole, Shawnee, Thomas, Mangum, Wilson, Watonga and Waurika. Under the direction of Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, Dr. John T. Hefley and Lowell Brown, 178 individuals completed 452 course enrollments for a total of 904 hours of graduate credit.

The widely varied educational and cultural advantages of the University were carried to many communities of the State through the Lecture and Entertainment Bureau. High school seniors from representative schools of the State were brought to Norman for supervised tours of the campus.

Correspondence study courses have been made available to inmates of State penal institutions, and have been enthusiastically received. This class of students is included in a total of 3,923 individuals who took 4,937 correspondence courses during the year.

The Extension Division also serves the general public of Oklahoma through radio station WNAD, through visual education service, and in various other fields.



Scholarship cup awarded

Chi Omega sorority placed first among campus sororities in scholarship during the second semester of the last school year, with an average of 1.8428. Alpha Phi was second with 1.8333. Others ranked as follows: Phi Mu, 1.8232; Delta Gamma, 1.8010; Pi Beta Phi, 1.7873; Delta Delta Delta, 1.7666; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1.7176; Alpha Chi Omega, 1.6929; Kappa Alpha Theta, 1.6419; Sigma Delta Tau, 1.5821; Gamma Phi Beta, 1.5241; Alpha Xi Delta, 1.3402.



Sports Review

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that, the Longhorns, while attempting passes, lost 37 yards.

The Big Six title contender scurried about almost at will when the chips were down, hanging up 123 yards on rushing plays and 71 via the air.



Oklahoma 19, Kansas 0

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It appeared to a crowd of 10,727 and to the members of the Kansas football team that the Oklahoma entries in the American Royal has been entered here today by error since it was quality known as "beef" which had something to do with the 19 to 0 victory scored by Tom Stidham's Sooner eleven.

That alone wasn't the reason for the walloping administered Kansas because Oklahoma exhibited about everything a championship football team requires—size, speed, fast charging and deadly blocking.

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