

APPROXIMATELY 1,200 fathers of University students, 424 of whom registered, swooped down on the campus October 21 for the fifteenth annual Dads' Day. The dads attended luncheons and socials in their honor, heard speeches, elected officers of the Dads' Association, distributed honors, and saw the Sooner football team beat Kansas, 27 to 7.

President Bizzell touched on a subject of direct importance to parental listeners when he told the dads, "As I see it, a modest tuition is the only way out of the financial difficulties of the University.

"Practically every youth in this state wants to go to college and nobody wants to pay the bill," Dr. Bizzell explained.

Ben Burdick, Oklahoma City, and Margaret Davis, Norman, were named by the dads as the best all-around man student and best all-around woman student in the University.

Dr. J. R. Hinshaw, '19, '21med, Butler, was elected president of the Dads' Association for the coming year. H. L. Muldrow, Norman, was re-elected secretary, a position he has held since the association was organized, and R. W. Hutto, '10, Norman, was named treasurer for the tenth consecutive time. All the vice presidents from the eight congressional districts were re-elected, with the exception of the seventh district, which named Frank Sewell, Clinton, to succeed Mr. Hinshaw. Other vice presidents are Joe B. Mitchell, Pawhuska, first district; J. T. Griffith, Muskogee, second district; Elmer Hale, McAlester, third district; H. W. Carver, Wewoka, fourth district; Albert Hunt, Oklahoma City, fifth district; Walter Morris, Anadarko, sixth district, and R. F. Armstrong, Ponca City, eighth district.

To Joseph D. Mitchell, 68 years old, Pawhuska, went the award for being the oldest dad present. On the other end of the age line, R. R. Whitely, 38 years old, Marlow, was honored as the youngest dad present. Both won the same honors last year. Other honors went to S. M. Spears, Louisville, Kentucky, for coming the greatest distance from outside the state; O. A. Brewer, '17, '20law, Hugo, for coming the greatest distance from a point in Oklahoma; C. E. Fitzwater, Watonga, for having the most daughters—two—enrolled in the University; W. L. Stroud, Oklahoma City, for having the most sons—also two—enrolled in the University, and B. F. Hutchins, Walters, for having the most sons and daughters enrolled in the University.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the plaque for having the greatest number of dads registered.

Salary cuts delayed

To university faculty members in November came news that no cuts would be made in their salaries for that month, but that payroll whacks in December would



be necessary as a result of the ten percent budget slash ordered by Governor Phillips in September.

"By effecting some definite savings in maintenance funds and as a result of some increase in student fees this fall," the University was able to pay October and November salaries in full. President Bizzell, in a statement on the coming salary cuts, pointed out:

"There has been a great need this fall for additional instructors in the several departments but because of limited resources, it has been impossible to employ them. The present teaching force is being compelled to carry unusually heavy teaching loads. It is regrettable that the financial situation of the state makes it necessary to carry such heavy schedules, and to be compelled to take salary cuts, especially in view of the fact that the present scale of salaries is distressingly small."

News workers convene

On Dads' Day also came a hundred state newspapermen to the campus for a group meeting of the Oklahoma Press Association and three hundred high school newspaper hopefuls for the state meeting of the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association. The two groups held separate meetings in which they heard various problems of the newspaper discussed, then at 11 o'clock convened for a joint session to hear an address by Walter M. Harrison,

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managing editor of the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times*.

Mr. Harrison painted a gray picture of financial opportunities in the newspaper field, urged the high school journalists to be sure of themselves before taking up the business and told the state newspapermen that too many Oklahoma papers are walking the fence on important questions rather than assuming civic leadership.

Branching over into the realm of education, the Oklahoma City editor averred:

"I don't think the state owes everyone an education," and then—"Too many freshmen come here (to Norman) for them to receive individual attention—unless they're all-state halfbacks."

To remedy this situation Mr. Harrison advocated the shifting of the college student mass into junior colleges over the state, routing the students to these colleges for their first two years and then sending them on to the University for their junior and senior years.

He struck a resonant chord in the hearts of teachers when he asserted, "State educational problems cannot be solved by starving the institutions." Referring to the loss of several valuable faculty members at the University within the last few years because of low salaries, he declared:

"It's a major tragedy when a good faculty member leaves because of low salary."

The editor urged that steps be taken to keep the salary level up.

Unwelcome visitor

A one-day epidemic of nose holding hit Norman when a nonchalant skunk invaded the campus. The beautiful-furred but hard-to-be-near little animal called at the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house, then ambled over to the University library. The skunk jumped thru a basement window, paraded down the hall and soon had the whole building virtually evacuated.

Altho he left for an unreported destination in the morning, a remembrance of the skunk lingered on until that evening, despite the efforts of the library ventilation system to remove it.

Hugh Comfort Memorial

Marble shafts or stone markings are the usual symbols constructed by the living in honor of their dead friends. But an 80-

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- Dec. 4—Thanksgiving recess ends. Class work resumed, 8:10 a. m.
- Dec. 6—Celebrity Series, Ted Shawn and his dancers, Fine Arts Auditorium.
- Dec. 6—Public lecture, "The Source of Drugs" by Dr. Loyd E. Harris, Engineering Auditorium.
- Dec. 6—International debate, Oxford vs. O. U., Senator Josh Lee, chairman.
- Dec. 14, 15—Second Playhouse production, "Chalkdust."
- Dec. 17—Choral Christmas program, Gordon Berger directing, Fine Arts Auditorium.
- Dec. 19—Christmas festival, "The Juggler of Notre Dame," Fine Arts Auditorium.
- Dec. 21—Christmas vacation begins, 5 p. m.
- Jan. 2—Class work resumed, 8:10 a. m.

acre park surrounding a small lake in the black-jack hills of eastern Cleveland county has been selected as memorial to Hugh Comfort, '33, late son of E. N. Comfort, dean of the Oklahoma School of Religion. Income from the sale of firewood to be hauled off the area to clear it for picnic purposes will be used to purchase books for the School of Religion.

Part of the memorial fund, contributed by friends of the youth, has been used to purchase a truck with which to carry off the wood and to carry picnicking parties to the park.

Hugh Comfort died October 27, 1938, at New Haven, Conn., where he was working toward a Ph.D. degree in Yale university. His death was caused accidentally when a defective gas burner filled his small room with lethal fumes.

Flying instruction begins

With John H. Burke, owner-operator of the Burke Flying Service, Oklahoma City, supervising the teaching end, flight instruction in the University civil aeronautics unit got under way in November.

Ground instruction, with fifty students enrolled, had been in progress for several weeks. One-hour classes are being held each Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with teaching provided in nine courses. University professors in the College of Engineering are giving the ground instruction.

Dance penalty lifted

Eight campus fraternities have cause for rejoicing. Dean of Men J. F. Findlay has ordered return to the social calendars of the Greek orders the formal dance apiece taken away from them as penalty for their participation in the pledge walkout of September 25.

The action came as a result of the interfraternity Council ruling placing a formal ban on all walkouts of any kind. Any fraternity violation of the no-walkout rule will be subject to a minimum penalty of the loss of one dance and the maximum penalty of the loss of social privileges for one semester.

Record crowd at Dallas

Approximately two thousand students, a record number, trekked to Dallas in October to see the Sooner football team polish off Dana Bible's Texas Longhorns, 24 to 12. Included in the Oklahoma contingent were the University band and the Ruf Necks, student pep order.

Students and alumni from the universities of Texas and Oklahoma just about took over Dallas for the day. Oklahoma alumni sponsored a breakfast the morning of the game in Dallas. The size of the state delegation is indicated by the fact that 6,300 tickets were sold in Oklahoma in the pre-game sales.

Health awards

The two most attractive pairs of feet on the campus belong to two Ada girls, Su-



Margaret Davis, Norman, and Ben Burdick, Oklahoma City, winners of the Dads' Association Cups for 1939

san Norris and Vivian Daugherty, judges in the annual health week competition sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association decided. Miss Daugherty won in the independent division and Miss Norris, a Kappa Alpha Theta, carried off first place in the sorority division.

In the posture contest, honors went to Frances Loudon, Oklahoma City, in the independent competition and to Hazel Katherine Rowley, Norman, a Chi Omega, in the sorority division. Awards for the best health skits went to Gamma Phi Beta and to independent District 3.

Young Republicans revived

The campus Young Republican club, which passed out with Alfred M. Landon in 1936, has been revived. The collegiate G.O.P.'s recently held an organization meeting, elected Junius Fishburn, Norman, president, and laid plans to bring big name Republican speakers to the campus.

Among those being contacted for possible campus appearances are Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and H. Stylus Bridges of New York, both mentioned at Republican presidential material.

Sigh-painting trips backfire

Paint bucket battalions from Oklahoma A. and M. and the University invaded rival strongholds a week before the clash between the football teams of the two schools. Results: Seven Aggie students were nabbed in Norman, relieved of their paint buckets, given gasoline pails and required by police to remove the "A. and M. Beat O.U." signs that they had succeeded in painting on campus sidewalks. The students were given \$5 fines which were suspended by the police judge so they wouldn't "become martyrs among their fellow students."

The Sooner expedition of five students was no more successful than their A. and M. brethren. In Stillwater, alert Aggie

guards chased the group from the campus after they had succeeded in painting one sign, "Beat A. and M." Before the skirmish was over the rented automobile in which the Sooners made their northern trek received an estimated \$200 worth of damage.

79 bands visit campus

Norman became the musical capital of the state October 28, when seventy-nine high school bands came to the University campus for the annual band day. The bands participated in a long, impressive parade in the morning and that afternoon attended the Sooner-Aggie football game.

Winners in the band competition were as follows: Class A, Wewoka first and Stillwater second; Class B, Guthrie first and Perry second; Class C, Wilson first and Purcell second.

Choice for "Who's Who"

Nineteen senior students have been named to represent the University in the 1939-1940 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The students were chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership and personality and interest in extracurricular activities.

University women named are Betty Chowning and Dorothy Murdock, Tulsa; Margaret Davis and Elizabeth Thomas, Norman, and Dorothy McMillan and Amzie Strickland, Oklahoma City. With the exception of Miss Strickland, a student in the College of Fine Arts, all of the women are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Men students named are Charles Brown, McAlester, and Clayton Nicholson, Shattuck, College of Business Administration; Al Naifeh, Norman, and Earl Brown, Oklahoma City, School of Law; Preston Nibley, Portland, Oregon, and Eldon F. Bowers, Wewoka, College of Engineering; James H. Stevens, Kendrick, and Robert French, Oklahoma City, College of Education; George Patterson, Woodward, and R. L. Updike, Seminole, College of Fine Arts; Wallace A. Taylor, Cordell, School of Pharmacy; and Fred Speakman, Sapulpa, and Bill Brinkley, Oklahoma City, College of Arts and Sciences.

Covering the campus

Flunk fees for the second semester of last year have been assessed 512 students. Because of illness, excessive outside work, mistakes on the part of their advisers, or the fact that it was a first failure, most of this number will be given exemptions from payment of the \$3 per hour fee . . . Cooper Butts, Lincoln, Neb., is the new president of the Camera club . . . A National meeting of Alpha Epsilon Delta, honorary pre-medical fraternity, will be held in Norman next spring . . . Pretty Patty Thompson, Oklahoma City, was named queen of the Ruf Necks, campus

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nese, and the rest are natives of Sumatra. Soengei Gerong is across the Moesi river from Palembang and is where the company refinery and office buildings are. We are working for the Standard of New Jersey here and N.K.P.M. is the local oil company, just as B.P.M. is the same as the Shell Oil company here. Soengei Gerong is the largest harbor in the Indies, and freighters are constantly coming and going there for oil and other products.

Well, I believe that I have touched upon most everything, although I suppose it would take hours of talking to present a clear picture of it all. Dr. Monnett if there is anything in particular that I could send you from this part of the world I would be very glad to do so. During my stay here I will possibly visit other places such as Shanghai, Manila, and possibly French Indo China, on my vacations so there might be some article of interest that I could get for you. I get a vacation next month and I am going to the Island of Bali and also stop a while in Java (Batavia and Soerabaya). I am really ready for it too, as six or eight months at a time is about all one's mind and body can stand of this jungle life.

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pep order, over a field of eleven other candidates.

. . . The Student Good Government League, a new campus organization, has presented a petition bearing the names of 450 students to President Bizzell asking that more students be placed on University committees dealing directly with the student body. The petition also requests restoration of the student activities trust fund board of trustees.

. . . Ted Shawn and his dancers will appear on the campus in a Celebrity Series program on December 6 . . . A. J. Strauss, managing editor of the *Enid News and Eagle* was elected chairman of the Associated Press in Oklahoma at the press association's annual fall meeting held in Norman recently . . . A \$40,000 WPA grant to continue a project directed by Dr. Henry D. Rinsland, professor of school measurements at the University, has been made. The grant will provide for thirteen months' research into meanings of words used by school children of the United States. The work will be carried on in Oklahoma City.

. . . Robert Carter, El Reno, has been elected president of the Physics Club . . . Philip Wade, Tulsa, has been named head of the Las Dos Americas, Spanish Club . . . Tom Boyd, Norman, has been selected by Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity, as the outstanding junior student in the College of engineering . . . Joel Ketonen, Brooklyn, New York, is the new headmaster of Delta Sigma Pi, national commercial fraternity . . .

Dick Musser, Enid, has been named president of the Sophomore Class. Other new soph officers are Douglas Stewart, Norman, vice president; Marcelle Peters, Mountain View, secretary, and Jean Daniels, Tulsa, treasurer.

. . . John Tippit, Sallisaw, is president of the senior law class . . . A. M. Brixey, Jr., '39, is president of the freshman class of the University School of Medicine . . . Although the position in the School of Pharmacy left vacant this fall by resignation of Dr. Ralph Beegle, associate professor of commercial pharmacy, was not filled, the school has continued all the regular courses in commercial pharmacy and two additional courses were inserted. Other members of the faculty teach the courses.

. . . An editorial insinuation of the *Tulsa Tribune* that the student loan funds at the University were politically manipulated brought a quick retort from O.U. officials. The *Tribune* editorial asked "How did it happen that the student loan funds at the University of Oklahoma which were supposed to go to deserving penniless youngsters, have been handed out almost exclusively to the youthful supporters of Senator Josh Lee?" Dean S. W. Reaves, a member of the student loan committee, promptly declared that there was no truth whatever in the charge.

. . . Mrs. Flora D. Nifong, housemother at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house for fourteen years, has resigned because of ill health. She has returned to St. Louis, Missouri, her former home . . . Twenty-seven pieces of sculpture by faculty members and students of the University School of Art were exhibited in the Museum of Fine Arts at Dallas, Texas, in November . . . The Presbyterian Foundation of Oklahoma has started a campaign for \$250,000 to build a new church and student center in Norman, and erect additional church facilities in Stillwater . . . The European war has seriously reduced the production of new books, particularly in Germany and France, and therefore threatens a shortage of literary material for *Books Abroad*, the international book review quarterly published at the University. Dr. Roy Temple House, editor, said that he had enough material on hand for the fall and winter issues, but that continuation of the war might cause serious difficulty in subsequent issues.

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Rhodes scholar returns

His studies as a Rhodes scholar cut short by war, dapper Jack Luttrell, '38, who left the Norman campus to enter Oxford University, has returned to enrol in the University School of Law.

Said Luttrell to reporters on his arrival in Norman: "I'm glad to be back in a country where a 24-hour course in bomb-dodging isn't part of the curriculum."

He addressed students of the School of Journalism in the first of this year's journalism lectures.

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