

Campus Review

By Nancy Royal



A striking photograph, by Harold Tacker, of the All-University Carnival held last month on the South Oval

APPOINTEED by Governor Leon C. Phillips to succeed Major Eugene M. Kerr, whose term expired, E. C. Hopper of Eufaula became a member of the University Board of Regents last month.

Mr. Hopper, an attorney, is a graduate of East Texas State Teachers College, at Commerce, and completed a law course at the University of Texas, where he played football for two years. On admission to the bar of Texas he returned to his home, Sulphur Springs, and served out the unexpired term of the county attorney, who had resigned.

Moving to Eufaula, Oklahoma, in 1910, Mr. Hopper engaged in the general practice of law. He early identified himself with public affairs and although he never ran for public office he served as secretary of the county election board for sixteen consecutive years. On petition of citizens in his voting ward, he accepted a position on the Eufaula board of education and served for ten years on the board, and as chairman.

He is a member of the Lions Club at Eufaula, and has served as deputy governor of the organization. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is on the board of stewards. Interested in boys work, he is member of the Boy Scout committee at Eufaula and chairman of the Scout Court of Honor.

Mr. Hopper is married and has one daughter, Betty.

Writing to the editor of *Sooner Magazine*, he commented: "I want to meet the students, as well as members of the faculty, and become as much a part of the University and its activities as I should."

Dormitory bonds vetoed

Hopes for a \$1,000,000 dormitory project to relieve the student housing situation for the University were blasted last month when Governor Leon C. Phillips

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- June 4—Baccalaureate services; Reunion for Classes of '14, '19, '24, '29, '34.
- June 5—Commencement Exercises; Phi Beta Kappa breakfast; Alumni Luncheon; meetings of Stadium-Union Trustees and Alumni Executive Board.
- June 6—Summer School Registration.
- June 7—Classwork Begins.
- June 9-10—Institute of Professional Relations.
- June 12-16—Home and Community Short Course.
- June 12-23—Institute of International Relations.
- June 25-July 1—First Annual Book Fair.
- June 26-30—Short Course on Professional Writing.
- June 29-30—Conference on Reading.

vetoed a legislative bill authorizing the bond issue.

The governor commented that the bill for the University bond issue and other bills for similar projects at other state educational institutions were "in bad shape."

The bill would have permitted the University to issue \$1,000,000 in self-liquidating bonds for construction of dormitories. Officials had planned to seek federal aid in the form of a PWA grant.

Present student accommodations in Norman have reached the saturation point and any additional increase in the size of the student body will force the use of unhealthy and inadequate rooms, a faculty housing committee reported after a survey several months ago.

The governor also vetoed a bill that would have authorized appointment of a special lecturer for O. U. and A. and M. at \$4,000 a year, a position created with former governor W. H. Murray in mind. Governor Phillips explained he did not believe the legislature should attempt to do the employing for either institution.

Letzeiser awards

Letzeiser gold medals were awarded last month to Peggy O'Reilly, of Oklahoma City, and Harry Nunn, Norman.

Silver medals for second highest ranking in the senior class went to Ruby Jane Douglas, Oklahoma City, and David Linebaugh, Muskogee. Bronze medals were awarded to Jeannette Alexander, Altus, and Kent Ruth, Geary.

The Letzeiser medals, awarded each year to the three most outstanding senior men and the three most outstanding senior women, have been offered by the Letzeiser jewelry company of Oklahoma City every year since 1916. Awards are based on scholarship, leadership and personality.

The Letzeiser medal for the art student showing the most improvement in a year went to Nellie Mae Jones, Ardmore.

Other awards presented in senior day ceremonies last month include:

Alpha Lambda Delta award for highest ranking scholar among senior members of the society—won by Lucy Edith Burns, Norman.

Phi Sigma award for student most outstanding in scholarship, leadership, personality and research ability—to Helen Lamprich Harris, Tulsa.

Mrs. Kite heads mothers

Mrs. W. C. Kite, Oklahoma City, was elected president of the University of Oklahoma Mothers' Association May 6 when a thousand or more mothers convened at Norman for a weekend celebration.

Mrs. Kite succeeds in office Mrs. J. R. Hinshaw, Butler, who has headed the organization for the past year.

With business sessions of the meeting held Saturday, more than eight hundred mothers attended the awarding of the first student scholarships presented by the association.

Nine scholarships were awarded from

funds raised by the assessment of \$1 for each membership in the association. The awards went to Joe Breaune, Norman; Sam McClelland, Beaver; Norman Johnson, Kingfisher; Joe West, Norman; Anthony Martin, Tulsa; Rosalie Long, Noble; Nellie Mae Jones, Ardmore; Mary Hoch, Oklahoma City; and Lillian Jeffries, Lexington.

These scholarships were given to students selected not on a basis of scholastic standing alone, but on general merit, Mrs. Hinshaw announced.

Also announced at the Saturday noon luncheon attended by five hundred mothers were the names of four students who were given awards for outstanding Christian leadership on the campus: Harry Nunn, Norman, and Margaret Stalder, Coalgate, presented silver loving cups, and Dorothy Murdock, Tulsa, and O. T. McCall, Norman, given checks to cover their expenses to the state "Y" convention which will be held at Hollister in June.

On Sunday, mothers were honored guests at Norman churches, and every organized house had a special mothers' luncheon. In general, the afternoon was spent in showing the visiting ladies about the campus and acquainting them as much as possible with the place where their children spend many months each year.

▲ Problems discussed

Social problems facing the modern world were taken apart, analyzed and put back together in May by some of the keenest and most logical minds in Oklahoma when a one-day Philosophical Conference on Social Ethics was held.

Roundtable discussions on social questions were conducted, and six experts on social ethics made guest talks: Edith Johnson, Oklahoma City, columnist for the *Daily Oklahoman*; Dr. Howard Taylor, dean of the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha; E. N. Comfort, dean of the Oklahoma School of Religion; Dr. John B. Cheadle, professor of law; Victor Harlow, Oklahoma City, editor of *Harlow's Weekly*; and Dr. John Jent, dean of the Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Topics which came in for a major share of discussion and comment included such varied problems as the status of labor in relation to political power, the hard fight of spiritualism against materialism, and the sad state of the world's oppressed minorities—such as the German Jew and the American Negro.

A vital keynote to subsequent discussion was struck when Charles Schwoerke, Oklahoma City labor lawyer and University graduate, warned that "a revolution incited by laboring classes isn't impossible," and that tragic results might come out of the economic desperation of certain classes.

Dr. Oliver Benson, assistant professor

of government, tossed in the optimistic comment that improvement in labor legislation made in the past five years, coupled with increasing facilities in the settlement of labor disputes, might be the first step toward bringing labor out of its "doldrums."

A suggestion that similar conferences be organized for presentation in other educational centers of the state was made at the close of the conference by Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government, who briefly outlined a series of "Save Democracy" forums that might prove invaluable in getting vital issues before residents of the state. Action on Dr. Ewing's proposal was delayed until further research is made.

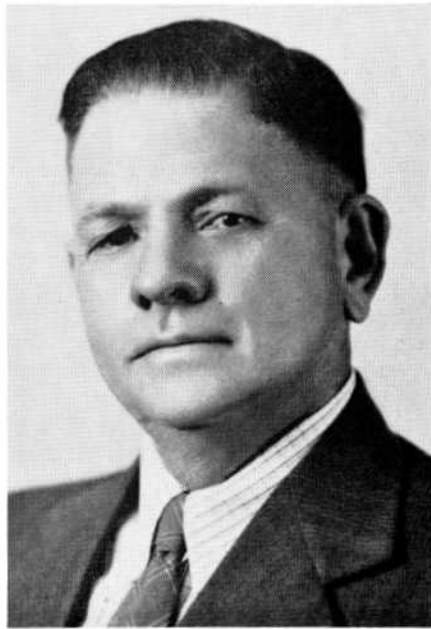
Members of the committee sponsoring the conference were Ewing, Dr. Howard O. Eaton, professor of philosophy; Dr. Charles Perry, professor of philosophy; H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism; Dr. Elmer Ortman, professor of principles of education; and Dr. Gustave Mueller, associate professor of philosophy.

▲ Entertaining play

Critics who like their drama on the sophisticated side were given a break May 5 and 6 when the University Playhouse presented "Private Lives," three-act modern comedy by Noel Coward.

The performance was one of the most entertaining presented by the student drama group this year. Only five were in the cast: Claude Traverse, Norman; Rosemary Davidson, Oklahoma City; Buena Huskey, Sand Springs; David Crockett, Durant; and Mary Virginia Guthrie, Norman.

His role as the leading actor in "Private Lives" marked Claude Traverse's twenty-third performance in Playhouse presenta-



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tions, and made the number of leading roles he has played reach the dozen mark.

"Private Lives" was directed by Robert Whitehand, instructor in drama, and was the final Playhouse production of the year. It closes one of the most successful groups of plays in student dramatic history—a year studded with such outstanding performances as "Johnny Johnson," "The Drunkard," "Stage Door" and "Rain from Heaven."

▲ Better times predicted

Visiting the campus to receive the annual honorary membership awarded by Beta Gamma Sigma business fraternity, Governor Leon C. Phillips, '16law, told a banquet audience last month "we're going to have a great university here."

The chief executive of the state warned the initiation banquet audience of three hundred persons not to be discouraged by the reduction in the University budget. Though not mentioning any specific plans, he predicted a better future for the institution.

His listeners applauded warmly when he stated, "We can't balance the budget of the state or the nation by taking all appropriations away from educational institutions."

The governor declared that members of the legislature form the only class of people in Oklahoma that are paid more poorly than faculty members of state colleges and the university.

While in Norman Governor Phillips was interviewed by the editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, who quoted him as saying "I have no desire to fire President Bizzell and have no one in mind to succeed him." He said that he would leave the question of the presidency of the University to the board of regents.

"Every time this thing comes up," the quotation in the student newspaper said, "I have been represented as wanting to see Bizzell fired. I am going to appoint good members to the board of regents as vacancies come up and let them decide the question. I have never suggested who should be hired and who fired in the personnel of the University administration. I will not do so in this case."

Rumors from the state capitol to the effect that Dr. Bizzell might resign in June were repudiated by the University president. Such reports are "without foundation in fact," he said. "When I get ready to resign I will make no secret of it."

▲ Photography course popular

Two hundred and forty photographers and other newspaper workers in the Southwest attended the third annual News Photography Short Course held in April by the School of Journalism.

Showing an increase in enrollment of one hundred people over the first year, the work demonstrated its growing popu-

larity among Oklahoma publishers and those from surrounding states. More experienced news cameramen than ever before attended, with many delegates traveling long distances to attend. One photographer came from Sioux City, Iowa, more than five hundred miles away.

The session this year included instruction in three main divisions: a lecture section, devoted to discussion on picture editing and special problems faced by the photographer in covering daily assignments; a clinic section, consisting of discussions on strictly technical subjects; and a beginners' section, designed for those who wanted to learn the fundamentals of taking and making pictures.

Stage demonstrations on how to cover certain types of stories were highlights in the work. Tips on proper methods to use were followed by actual practice in taking action shots of O. U. wrestlers, boxers, and golfers who went through their paces on the platform.

Frank L. Dennis, assistant managing editor of the *Oklahoma City Times*, and a graduate of the University, delivered a popular lecture dealing with the laws regulating the publication of pictures by newspapers and magazines.

Headed by Jack Price, nationally-known author and news photography commentator for *Editor and Publisher*, New York City, who returned to serve his third year, the staff of instruction included outstanding news photographers, picture editors and technicians.

Technicians from Agfa Ansco Corporation, Eastman Kodak Company, the Kalart Company, and Oklahoma Photo Supply Company of Oklahoma City took prominent parts.

▲ Student editors chosen

Editors of two major campus publications were selected in May with Eleanor Lain, Frederick, distinguished by being the first girl ever to preside over the pages of the *Covered Wagon*, monthly humor magazine.

Bill Brinkley, Oklahoma City, was named editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* for the first semester of the 1939-1940 school year, after having served as campus editor for several months under the editorship of Jim Flinchum.

Brinkley began editing the *Daily* May 1 upon Flinchum's resignation after a two-semester period of service. Miss Lain, a junior in the school of letters, also took over the reins of the *Covered Wagon* to get out the last issue of the spring semester when Harry Roberts, Oklahoma City, resigned as editor May 1.

Miss Lain has previously been city editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, columnist for the *Sooner Magazine*, associate editor of the 1939 *Sooner Yearbook* and of the *Covered Wagon*, and is a staff member of radio station WNAD.



First co-ed ever to edit the student humor magazine is Eleanor Lain, shown above

Brinkley entered the University as a junior last fall, having attended William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri during the preceding year.

▲ Meet winners repeat

The thirty-fifth annual interscholastic and track meet held at the University for high school competitors saw Oklahoma City Classen and Chickasha High Schools carry off top honors in vocal and curricular contests, respectively.

Classen scored 182 points to win the vocal contests and keep the title won in last year's meet at Stillwater. Chickasha, winning the curricular events for the fourth consecutive year, piled up a total of 78 points.

Oklahoma City's Capitol Hill High School baseball team swung out over the Classen Comets and won a 15 to 2 victory, carrying home the Class A baseball title.

Tulsa, despite a slow start in the track and field events, came from behind to win the Class A field and track title with the slight margin of only 1½ points.

The Tulsa teams had been nosed all the way by the Hugo delegation until the last event—the mile relay—when Hugo failed to place in that event, thus leaving the field clear for the big-town boys to win the title.

Cleveland High School also staged a repeat victory by winning the Class B track and field championship.

It was estimated by University officials in charge of the annual meet that more than six thousand state high school students were present for all or part of the events during the three-day session.

▲ Covering the campus

Succeeding Theatus Greeson, Wewoka, John A. McReynolds, Norman, was named executive secretary of the Independent Men's Association April 24 for the first semester of next year... John Fort Mil-

ton, editor of the *Chattanooga News*, made the main address at the annual Phi Beta Kappa initiation banquet May 7.

... Kent Ruth, Gentry, won first prize in the annual German contest sponsored by Der Goethe Verein, University German Club. Paula Whitner, Duncan, and Rosi Lomanitz, Oklahoma City, tied for second place... Mrs. Bess Young, Sigma Nu hostess, was injured seriously May 2 when a car in which she was a passenger collided with a truck at a Norman intersection. She suffered a fractured right collar bone and a fractured pelvis.

... The University Playhouse and Delta Delta Delta sorority were given top honors for having the most original concessions at the Sooner Carnival held on the South Oval April 22. Complete with a ferris wheel and blaring midway, the carnival was one of the most successful entertainment ventures ever undertaken at the University. Receipts will be used for the Semi-Centennial pageant.

... Robert Stone, Tulsa, has been named president of the University Young Men's Christian Association to succeed Harry Nunn. Other officers are Jack Leach, Oklahoma City, vice president; Russell Swanson, Watonga, secretary; and Robert Williams, Frederick, treasurer.

President Bizzell announced April 15 that 500 state high school youths will gather at the University in August for a 10-day training period in ethics, citizenship and Americanism—a project to be known as "Boys' State."

Death took a member of the 1939 graduating class last month when a blood stream infection proved fatal to Ernest Haskell, Wichita, Kansas. He completed his work for a degree in chemical engineering at the end of the first semester. Haskell was a second year letterman on the Sooner track team and was president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity in 1938. He was a member of St. Pat's Council, Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, Skeleton Key and the Interfraternity Council.

... Annual Phi Beta Kappa award to the state high school whose graduates make the best record as University freshmen was awarded this year to Ponca City High School. Seven O. U. freshmen from Ponca City made a higher than "B" average during the first semester.

... The University debate squad this year boasted six different debate teams that placed either first or second in forensic meets. Teams coached by Don Wright won a whole stack of loving cups and medals in the seven tournaments they entered.

... For the eleventh time, the University R. O. T. C. has received the rating of "excellent" from United States army inspectors... Winner of the annual French contest is Margaret Elliott, Chickasha... President of the Engineers Club for next year is Tom Morton, Okmulgee.