

Campus Review

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CAMPUS activity was about as dull as business during January, so we borrow a note from the market men and beg leave to report:

A regular seasonal decline for the month in extra-curricular events, contrasted with brisk trading in textbooks and lecture notes. Professors' stocks, common and preferred, rose considerably to reach a semester high, with apple-polishing lending a dominant theme to the transactions.

President Bizzell had a busy month, but he found time to pose for his annual picture with his new honor class, which will meet with him once a week during the semester. The members of the class, all juniors from the College of Arts and Sciences, are:

Ben L. Burdick, Fred McMillan, William Craig and Tom L. Bryan, all of Oklahoma City; John R. Callaway, Pauls Valley; Kenneth Lowe, Ardmore; John O. Allen, Spaulding; Robert Klabzuba, Prague; Roy Frye, Sallisaw; Clyde Harris, Enid; Fred Speakman, Sapulpa; Robert L. Moon, Bartlesville; Floyd Simon, Tipton; J. Russell Swanson, Watonga; William J. Hanks, Purcell; Joe Davis, Norman; R. Thornburg Brock, Altus, and Roscoe Walker, Pawhuska. Several are sons of O. U. alumni.

The class was established by the president eight years ago for the purpose of stimulating intellectual and cultural pursuits and to provide an opportunity for discussion of important problems of the day.

New regent

January also saw Regent Lowrey Harrell, University graduate from Ada and former president of the University of Oklahoma Association, supplanted by Dr. Claude G. Chambers, Seminole physician. Mr. Harrell was appointed to the board last year by Governor E. W. Marland between Legislative sessions and his appointment had never been confirmed by the State Senate. Governor Leon C. Phil-

Above are nine of the ten members of the State Legislature who attended the University during the first semester. Left to right, Paul Carlile, Sequoyah County; Wilson Wallace, Carter County; Owen Townsend, Love County; Dutch Hill, Grady County; Lincoln Battenfield, Mayes County; Cecil Myers, Beckham County; William Selvidge, Carter County; Frank Grayson, Hughes County, and Herbert Hope, Garvin County. The one not in the picture is Moss Wimbish, Pontotoc County.

lips, '16law, asked that Mr. Harrell's name be returned to him by the Senate, and he presented the nomination of Dr. Chambers, which was approved by the Senate.

Dr. Chambers is a brother of Joe Chambers, former Tulsa County legislator, and is the father of Evans Chambers, former Sooner football player.

The change in the board membership reduces the number of alumni members to four. They are Lloyd Noble, Ardmore; Eugene P. Ledbetter, Oklahoma City; Joseph C. Looney, Wewoka; and Joe W. McBride, Anadarko. The other members, in addition to Dr. Chambers, are Eugene M. Kerr, Muskogee, and C. C. Hatchett, Durant.

Mr. Kerr's term expires this spring.

Scholarly argument

The month's routine was varied by a scholarly scrap over Greek and Latin, involving a speech professor at the University of Southern California and leading University of Oklahoma educators.

The California professor was Dr. Ray K. Immel, who in an interview during a Norman visit, said he considered the teaching of Greek and Latin a waste of time.

Slyly poking fun at the study of the classics, Dr. Immel said Greek probably had one use: "It enables one to decipher the symbols on fraternity houses. The method of learning this information is, however, rather roundabout."

Caesar's account of the Gallic campaigns, he asserted, might possibly be of value to Adolph Hitler, who could read

and profit from the advice of the former ruler.

"Otherwise," he said, "there is no reason whatever why any student should be required to study Greek and Latin."

He was promptly challenged by President W. B. Bizzell, Dr. Samuel W. Reaves, dean of the college of arts and sciences; Dr. Roy Gittinger, dean of administration, and Dr. O. W. Reinmuth, head of the University's department of classical languages.

Said Dr. Bizzell: "For us to assume that there is no place in the curriculum of our colleges and universities for a study of the literature that has influenced culture through the centuries is to ignore one of the most significant facts in our historical development."

Fire at "Corner"

A fire is one form of news that is rare in Norman. However, last month, a 20-minute blaze did approximately \$5,000 damage to the Varsity Clothing store, owned by Charles DeVorss, a familiar figure among "Corner" businessmen. Loose electrical wiring in the rear of the store was blamed for the fire, which began shortly after Mr. DeVorss closed his store for the day. The blaze was Norman's worst in four years.

Commissions for cadets

Commissions were presented on January 17 to fifteen graduating seniors in military science. They are: Charles P. Atchison, Afton; Joseph G. Casey, Henryetta; Everett D. Daniels, Erick; Gerald H. Galbreath, Tulsa; James M. Headrick,

Woodward; James W. Jeffers, Paden; Worden W. Parrish, Madill; George F. Robie, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania; and David H. Bridges, Tom F. Carey, Robert J. Casey, Marchall Harris, Verne V. Long and Colonel H. Nelson, all of Oklahoma City.

Dan H. Carpenter, Shawnee, received a commission in the ordnance division.

Community forums

Outlining a plan of statewide community forum meetings that would bring a discussion of current problems to the remotest sections of the state, Walter Emery, assistant professor of speech, suggested that such meetings might be organized in even the smallest towns. Similar to the Norman Forum already established on a firm basis, the local forums would encourage citizens to express their ideas and make them articulate in a democratic process, Mr. Emery explained.

New kind of quiz

Students were quizzed in a new way near the end of the semester by Dr. G. L. Cross, head of the department of botany, who presented each of his students with a form sheet to rate the professor. The questionnaires—which, by the way, were unsigned—contained such questions as a professor might often wonder, but never actually discover, the answers to. But, unhampered by any incriminating signatures, the students came through and rated the botany professors, telling what was wrong with each course. Here are some typical suggestions:

"Do not beat around the bush and spend half the period telling about your Aunt Minnie, or when you were a boy." "A better text—not that I know of one." "A system of squelching those who annoy others by wanting to copy answers in lab."

Miami trip helpful

President Bizzell returned from Miami after sitting under a Florida sun and watching the Tennessee Vols trounce the Sooner Big Six champions in a 17-0 encounter, and saw only that "great good" would come to the institution as a result of the game. "The result of the game," he said, "is incidental compared to the good impression made by the team and by our band." And 1,500 fans, comprising as large a group as ever welcomed a returning group of winners, cheered Tom Stidham and the Sooner players as they came in from Miami January 9.

Headline romance

International romance brushed the campus in a big way early in January when Bonnie Bee Berryhill, sophomore journalism student from Oklahoma City, was married to Arthur Ocheltree, well known operatic tenor, in New York City. Miss Berryhill, part Creek Indian, met Mr. Ocheltree in December when he came to

Norman, with the Wagnerian Festival singers, Celebrity Series performers. A romance began immediately, and the campus beauty went to New York for the Christmas holidays to visit friends.

She became engaged to Mr. Ocheltree, and later made the headlines when she ran away from him the day before their scheduled wedding. Before Mr. Ocheltree had begun to bore himself singing "Bring Back My Bonnie to Me," however, his Oklahoma sweetheart was back in New York, and the two were married. They sailed for Milan, Italy, January 13, planning to honeymoon for several months.

Few forced to pay fee

Only 14 out of 210 students who petitioned the University flunk fee committee for special consideration were ordered to pay the \$3-per-semester-hour fees levied when an "F" is chalked up in the registry office. Three hundred and thirty-four others who didn't petition the committee must pay the fee, however. Most of those excused from paying the fee were given the consideration because of excessive outside work and heavy enrollment.

Union for working students

Seventy students, all eager for better working conditions, met in the Union Building January 9 to form the first organization of its kind ever formally started on the campus—the Student Labor Association. John B. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Norman, spoke to assembled students in his capacity as an employer. A properly handled union, Mr. Thompson said, can eliminate two kinds of theft: "One type of stealing is done by the student who loafs on the job and the other is done by the employer who forces a student to work overtime."

O. U. book praised

Lord Macaulay: Victorian Liberal, by Richard Croom Beatty, a recent University Press publication, received an accolade from *Time* magazine last month

when it was given the leading review in the *Time* book section.

War play scheduled

Members of the School of Drama have literally gone into the trenches as they prepare for a Playhouse production of *Johnny Johnson*, which will be given February 24 and 25. Part of the staging is done on a battlefield, and the dramatists are working away in an attempt to bring the audience a spectator's taste of the horrors of war. Charles Suggs, Ardmore, Herbert Kelso, Ada, and Claude Traverse, Oklahoma City, have leading roles in the production.

Foreign periodicals donated

Nearly a hundred foreign language and English periodicals have been donated to the reading room of the University library by Books Abroad, literary quarterly edited by Dr. R. T. House, head of the department of modern languages.

Out-of-state tuition

A bill calling for a general hike in out-of-state tuition fees was advanced in the Legislature last week by three University student legislators and the chairman of the House education committee, Ralph Spencer, of Pottawatomie county. The measure was formulated by Wilson Wallace and Bill Selvidge, representatives from Carter County, and Owen Townsend, Love County representative. A minimum of \$100 was recommended as the tuition fee for out-of-state enrollees in all Oklahoma institutions of higher learning.

"During the last five years," Mr. Wallace protested, "hundreds of out-of-state students have been educated in Oklahoma schools without paying one cent into the state for the educational cost." A total of 3,262 students from outside Oklahoma have attended the University within the last five years.

Three students killed

Returning students were saddened by the holiday deaths of three popular fellow students who were accidentally killed. Patrick J. Maloney, 23-year-old freshman law student from Hutchinson, Kansas, and Norman Schawver, 23, Wichita, Kansas, were instantly killed when their automobile collided with a locomotive at a grade-crossing near Oklahoma City January 2. The two students, with a young woman companion, were returning to school after holidays spent with their parents in Kansas. Both were members of the University chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

Shirley Penner, 20-year-old junior in the School of Art, was killed at her home in Mill Creek in December. Gunshot wounds received accidentally as she hunted in the woods near her home were responsible for the death of the art student, a member of Delta Delta Delta.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- February 4—Sooner-Kansas State basketball game at Norman.
- February 11—Sooner-Missouri basketball game at Norman.
- February 17-18—Aerial Photography and Surveying Short Course.
- February 17-19—Older Boys' Conference.
- February 18—Sooner-Iowa State basketball game at Norman.
- February 22-24—Construction Men and Builders Short Course.
- February 24-25—Childhood and Family Life Education Short Course.
- February 25—Sooner-Kansas basketball game at Lawrence, Kansas.
- March 1-4—Symposium on Petroleum Production Problems.
- March 3-4—Public Welfare and Social Work Conference.
- March 4—Sooner-Nebraska basketball game at Lincoln, Nebraska.