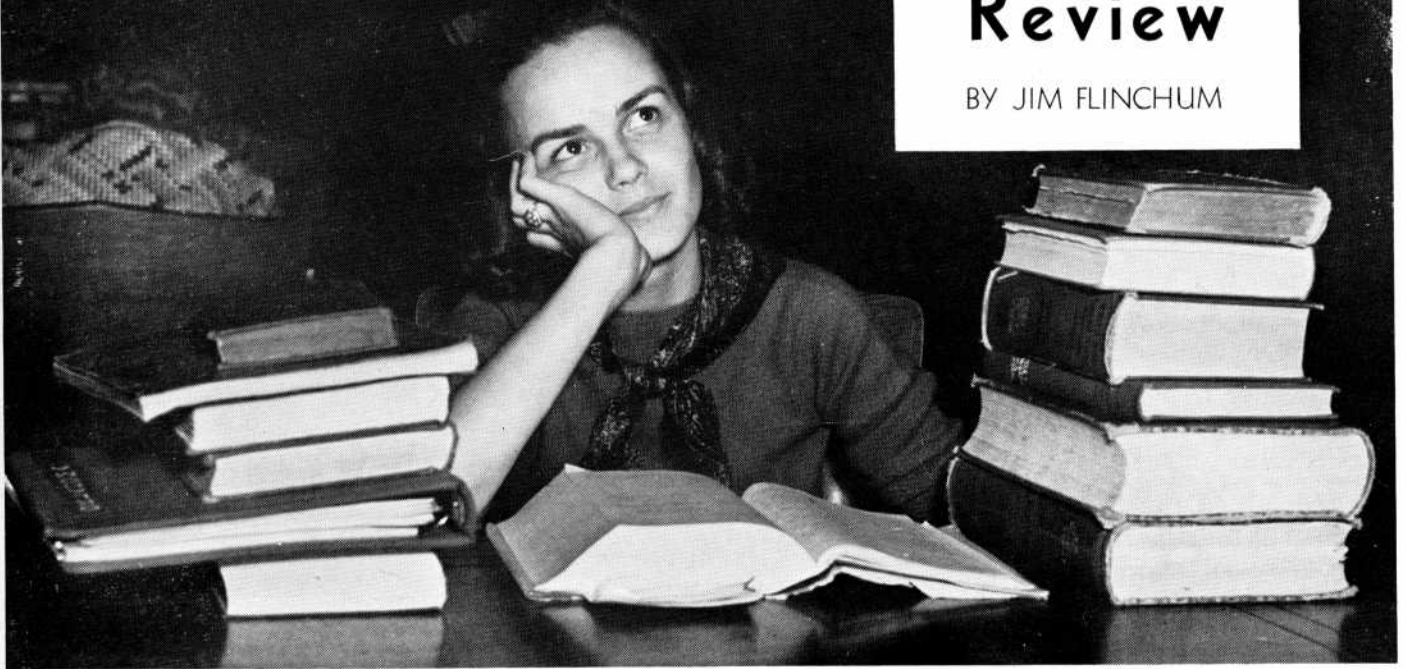


# Campus Review

BY JIM FLINCHUM



*This picture, Schoolgirl Daydream, placed first in a Camera Club Exhibit. It is by Francis Stilley, student from Tecumseh*

**T**HE University of Oklahoma, which like the State's other institutions, sends a letter to Santa Claus only once every two years, during the next two months will be hopefully expecting a post-Christmas package containing three new buildings and increased salary appropriations from the Seventeenth legislature.

But whether the University will be granted its requests for more housing space, or more money, remained a moot question in the closing week of December, with Governor-elect Leon C. Phillips scheduled to tell Oklahoma's lawmakers they must trim \$8,000,000 off the state's budget.

But unless the new governor's economy plans sidetrack budget requests voted at the December meeting of the board of regents, a \$450,000 Petroleum Engineering Building, a \$300,000 Graduate Education Building and a \$300,000 structure housing the School of Geology and its museum may be taking shape on the 160-acre Sooner campus within the next year.

An indication that the school's officials would give preference to an appropriation for the engineering building was seen in the emergency clause tacked onto that item. If it is approved, the way will be clear to begin construction before the end of the present fiscal year.

## School spirit revived

This is written for the "old grads." Perennially you return for a visit to the campus and just as often you soulfully wag your

heads about the sad state of affairs school spirit has come to.

"No pep," you say. "Now, back in 1913, when we beat Kingfisher, we held a shirt-tail parade, we—"

Well here is one for the books.

What was probably the biggest mass demonstration in the University's history turned the entire campus into a huge holiday arena for 18 hours following Oklahoma's victory over Iowa State, and capture of the Big Six football crown, on November 20.

Defying official disapproval, thousands of students joined in a victory strike on the Monday following the weekend football game, totally disrupting class schedules for

an entire day, while the grid triumph was celebrated.

The celebration started Sunday night after the game when an estimated 3,000 students gathered on varsity corner, and amid firecracker explosions and chants of "We want a holiday," marched to the home of President Bizzell to ask for a holiday.

When the president appeared on the steps of his residence, he attempted to persuade the students to call off their plans for a celebration.

Failing to gain official recognition of their celebration, the students proceeded to the home of the Sooners' coach, Tom Stidham, who was routed out of bed for a brief talk.

Late hours and a cold wind dispersed the night demonstration, but early the next morning students were on hand at the entrances to University buildings to convince their fellows that a holiday was needed.

As quickly as a class convened, mobs of students marched into the room shouting and laughing and calling for its dismissal. With a few exceptions, professors smilingly dismissed. By 10 o'clock Monday morning, practically all classes on the campus were dismissed, and the students marched to the Fieldhouse to hold a pep rally and honor the team.

The procedure was repeated in afternoon classes, with a repetition of morning results, except in the School of Law, where a serious attempt was made to stop the rioters.

The celebration continued until late Monday night, when failing enthusiasm gradu-

### CAMPUS CALENDAR

- January 7—Sooner-Kansas basketball game at Norman.
- January 10—Sooner-Wyoming wrestling match at Laramie, Wyoming.
- January 11—Sooner-Colorado Aggies wrestling match at Fort Collins, Colo.
- January 12—Sooner-Colorado wrestling match at Boulder, Colorado.
- January 14—Sooner-Missouri basketball game at Columbia, Missouri.
- January 16—Sooner-Iowa State basketball game at Ames, Iowa.
- January 17-19—County Sewing Room Supervisors Conference.
- January 23-27—Drug Merchandising Short Course.
- January 28—Sooner-Nebraska basketball game at Norman.

ally ended the holiday. Next morning, classes met regularly as usual.

### Polo field named

The University's polo grounds—unnamed since the game was introduced to Sooners nearly twenty years ago—has been officially christened by a Board of Regents vote.

Henceforth the grounds will be known as Hal Niemann field, in honor of the late Ponca City student who was an outstanding Oklahoma polo player before his death two years ago.

### Geology field work planned

Almost from the time that geology was first offered as a course of study at the University of Oklahoma, expeditions of students have been made into the Arbuckle Mountains of southern Oklahoma for examination of the unique rock formations there.

This area has often been called one of the finest natural geology laboratories to be found in America. Field trips are made from Norman to the mountains almost every week throughout the regular school year, and in summer the region is covered with geologists who spend several weeks at a time there.

Last month, Dr. Victor E. Monnett, director of the School of Geology, announced he will ask the State Legislature to set aside a tract of 40 acres on the south shore of Lake Murray for the use of summer geology field trips.

Dr. Monnett said that if the legislature approves the plan, all major colleges in Oklahoma and surrounding states will be invited to take part in an extensive summer field geology program sponsored by the University.

The program would include courses in paleontology, mapping, stratigraphy, and structural geology. Dr. Monnett said that at least four universities of neighboring states have indicated a desire to take part in the plan.

### Band gets trip to Miami

The University of Oklahoma's big red-and-white uniformed band has made many trips, but probably never under such conditions as preceded its journey to the Miami Orange bowl January 2.

All over the state, Sooner fans and supporters dug down into their pockets and made contributions toward a \$5,000 fund necessary to insure the band's trip to the bowl contest.

Committees composed of prominent citizens in scores of towns and cities led in a campaign to collect the funds. In Norman and in Oklahoma City, enthusiastic supporters, in addition to seeking outright contributions, resorted to such methods as giving a dance, and selling tags on which were painted pictures of an orange.

Receipts from the Oklahoma City performance of *Stage Door*, presented by the



*When the Norman Chamber of Commerce entertained with a Victory Dinner honoring the all-victorious Sooner football team and coaches, it turned thumbs down on speeches and offered a tuneful floor show. Football men (front row above), seemed to approve. Below are members of the committee that arranged the big dinner party: left to right, Harold Keith, King Price, Lew Chatham, Henry P. Meyer, Harold Cooksey, Charles Andrews, Floyd Eoff*

University Playhouse, went into the band fund. Even at Oklahoma A. and M. college, traditional football rivals of the Oklahoma Sooners, the Student Senate voted to conduct a campaign to raise funds for the O. U. band trip.

Hours of radio time over station WKY in Oklahoma City were given over to University student talent, and the WKY staff conducted a one-day campaign that brought in pledges of \$2,700.

Ten thousand letters were mailed to alumni throughout the State to remind them of the band's need.

"I've never seen anything like the way the State has responded to this campaign," one leader of the drive declared.

### Robertson papers received

Much of the material which historians use in telling the story of Oklahoma comes

from the Frank Phillips collection of books and documents in the University library.

Last month, the collection received an important addition with the presentation to the library of letters, speeches, messages, clippings and manuscripts of the late J. B. A. Robertson, Oklahoma's fourth governor who died last spring.

As yet unopened, the letters and documents will furnish valuable source material concerning Oklahoma's government in the post-war years. Dr. E. E. Dale, head of the department of history and curator of the collection, said the Robertson papers will be catalogued and filed soon.

### Fascist censorship condemned

Eleven faculty members of the University were among the 1,254 American scientists who in December issued a manifesto condemning fascist educational censorship and

calling for a stand to safeguard intellectual freedom by maintaining democratic standards.

Citing particularly the nazi discrimination against Prof. Albert Einstein, who left Germany because of Jewish persecution, the manifesto said of teachers like him:

"They must be defended in their right to speak the truth as they understand it. If we American scientists wish to avoid a similar fate, if we wish to see the world continue to progress and prosper, we must bend our efforts to that end now."

Oklahoma signers included Clyde J. Bollinger, head of the department of geography; J. E. Belcher, assistant professor of chemistry; Arthur N. Bragg, instructor in zoology; Dr. N. A. Court, professor of mathematics; George L. Cross, head of the department of botany; Dr. Homer L. Dodge, dean of the graduate school; Oren F. Evans, assistant professor of geology; Dr. W. A. Fowler, director of the student health service; Arthur Hemmendinger, instructor in physics; Dr. J. Rud Neilsen, professor of physics; Dr. Samuel W. Reaves, dean of the college of arts and sciences; Dr. George A. Van Lear, jr., associate professor of physics, and Beulah P. Field.



#### Soonerland in brief

A column by Dr. Oliver E. Benson, assistant professor of government, will appear weekly in ten state newspapers this year. Dr. Benson will discuss each week's most important developments in international politics. . . . The University band is scheduled to take part in the inauguration ceremonies January 9 of Governor-elect Leon C. Phillips, '16law.

. . . Emil K. Kraettli, secretary of the University, who came to Norman 25 years ago as a stenographer in the office of the secretary-registrar, observed the silver anniversary of his connection with the institution last month. . . . Betty Kirk, '29, Mexico City correspondent for the *New York Times* and *London Times*, delivered a talk to students of the School of Journalism last month. . . . Vivienne Kellems, sophomore student and daughter of Dr. Homer S. Kellems, Delaware rancher and explorer, will accompany her father on a cruise from San Francisco to New York next summer that will take them from San Francisco to New York by way of the Arctic circle.

. . . Oklahoma druggists will gather at the University January 23 for the annual Drug Merchandising Short Course, which will be held four days. More than five hundred people are expected to attend the short course, which will be held under the direction of Ralph Beegle, associate professor of commercial pharmacy.

. . . A report on a study of underground water conditions in Oklahoma's panhandle area, which contains data offering a partial aid to drouth problems in that area, is expected to be completed early this month. The survey is being conducted by Dr. S. L. Schoff, junior geologist for the United

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# Faculty Page

BY DR. S. ROY HADSELL, '04

**D**ID you know, or do you remember that:

D. W. Ohern, once a popular teacher of geology at the University, now living in Oklahoma City, has been seen in Norman at least twice this year; Mrs. Ohern too. Dr. Ohern was the only member of Dr. David R. Boyd's faculty who was present a year ago at his funeral in Glendale, California. . . . Dr. J. W. Scroggs, retired, is still seen about the streets of Norman. He was and is indefatigable. . . . Professor J. F. Paxton is confined to his home by illness.

. . . Professor Oscar Lehrer still plays and teaches the cornet and the violin at the Fine Arts Building. . . . Professors V. H. Kulp and J. B. Cheadle of the law faculty are still vigorous and dignified. . . . Mrs. Maurice H. Merrill (her husband is professor of law) and Mrs. Stephen Scatori (wife of the professor of romance languages) are sisters. So are Mrs. Lloyd Swearingen (professor of chemistry) and Mrs. William Schriever (professor of physics).

. . . Who is the librarian of the School of Law? Ather H. Huggins. . . Last year there were eighteen teachers of mathematics on the campus, more this year. And twenty-three teachers of geology, and twenty-eight in education, ten in economics, twenty in chemistry, thirty in English, twelve in history, five in classical languages and literatures, and twenty-three in modern languages. This is just a sample of the growth of the University, we could go on.

. . . Dr. Arthur M. Alden flew from St. Louis to be present at the Missouri-Oklahoma football game and homecoming. Gladys Kimbro, now Mrs. Knox, once instructor in English, now living in Panama, was in Norman for Homecoming. . . . Mrs. Edwin Nungezer was a visitor at Homecoming. Her husband, once professor of English here and now in Cornell, is on leave this year for study in the Folger Library at Washington.

. . . Dr. L. A. Turley resides in Norman, but teaches medicine in Oklahoma City. He is assistant dean of the School of Medicine. During the recent Southern Medical Conference in Oklahoma City, Dr. Mark Everett of the University School of Medicine was host to Dr. Shattuck of the Harvard Medical School. Harvard men in Oklahoma had a dinner for Dr. Shattuck at the University Club. The Norman group had lunch with him at the Spinning Wheel.

. . . Who are the figures cut in stone at the entrance of the Administration Building? President Stratton D. Brooks, and President David R. Boyd. . . . The Twins, Drs. Tom and Dick Lowry were in Nor-

man for the Homecoming. They practice medicine in Oklahoma City. They were trying to locate their old home in Norman. . . . One of the earliest concrete houses built in Norman was designed and built by Professor V. L. Parrington. It stood formerly near the Masonic Dormitory, but has been moved to a location east of the Stadium. It is still in good repair.

. . . Bennie Owen has been instrumental in constructing a fine golf course with grass greens, lakes and bridges, just off the campus, east of the present Athletic Field, where Dean Julien C. Monnet, and Professor Edmund Berrigan learned the game in Mrs. Trout's pasture. . . . Dr. Agnes Berrigan, daughter of Professor Edmund Berrigan, once instructor in English here has been in Stillwater for a number of years. She won her Ph.D. degree at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

. . . There are approximately three hundred thousand volumes in the University Library. November 22, the latest number in the accession book was 196,935. This does not include approximately twenty-five thousand in the law library or five thousand in the Phillips Collection. The accession number given above includes books and pamphlets in the main library. There are twelve branch libraries on the campus. There are about ten thousand volumes on the shelves in the large reading room on the second floor, for reference.

. . . This year there are 1,571 students in the College of Engineering, 1,016 in the College of Business Administration, 513 in Fine Arts, 1,952 in Arts and Sciences, 455 in the Graduate School, 308 in Law, 226 in Medicine, 108 in the School of Nursing, 108 in Pharmacy, unclassified freshmen, 51. . . . Dr. Loyd Harris has been transferred from the School of Pharmacy to the Department of Chemistry. He is chairman of the Student Conduct Committee, which takes the place of the old Discipline Committee. . . . Eugene Springer, completing his work for the Ph.D. in Chicago, expects to spend the remainder of his year's leave in England. He is a former Rhodes Scholar.

. . . Dean Ellsworth Collings is sometimes seen with a cowboy hat and boots. He has a beautiful cottage and stable at Turner Falls. He wrote an interesting book on the 101 Ranch. His car license is 101. Grace Ray of the Journalism faculty still rides a horse. She has trained many a young journalist. Fayette Copeland is the most rapid walker on the campus. He has a nose for news. Who wrote the article on Oklahoma for the Encyclopedia Britannica? Dr. Roy Gittinger.



## A Botanist Upsets Heredity

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planted in this solution. After twelve hours remove some of the seeds and plant them in the usual manner. After twenty-four hours plant some more of the seeds. Try some seeds in the same manner in the master solution. Dilute the master solution several different times. Try all dilutions.

If you have shrubs or trees that produce flowers, you should try the following method: Mix the dilutions with fish oil, and spray the buds.

Remember that you are dealing with a drug! Don't drink it! Wash your hands carefully after handling it, because at the present time no one is interested in seeing human beings who have had too much colchicine. If you find you have some odd looking plants in your garden, and there is very little doubt but that you will, be sure to save the seeds. Plant them next year, and then you will know if you have contributed to discoveries in this great new field.

It has been said that "there is nothing new under the sun," but this discovery has all the symptoms of being something new and important. When you visit the University from time to time, drop into the Botany Department offices and find out how the work is progressing, and see some of these odd plants that are being developed.

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States Geological Survey, who has made his headquarters at the University.

... Oklahoma DeMolay youths, who met on the campus December 4 for a conference on athletics, may make the conference an annual event, officers said following the meeting. . . . A design of a boating pavilion and dock brought Harold Scruggs, Hollis, sophomore student in the school of architecture, a first honorable mention in a design contest conducted last month by the Beaux Arts Institute of Design, New York.

... The University chapter of the League of Young Democrats has elected Kenneth Schwoerke, junior law student from Oklahoma City, to succeed Glen Johnson, Paden, as president of the organization. Johnson resigned recently. . . . Four new courses in library science will be offered in the College of Education during the 1939 summer session, J. L. Rader, University librarian, announced last month.

... Six hundred persons crowded into the Union Ballroom December 7 to honor the Sooner coaching staff and the all-victorious team of 1938. The Victory Party was sponsored by the Norman Chamber of Commerce, and the program was devoted entirely to entertainment, speeches being barred. Autographed pictures of the coaching staff were presented to each player on the team, and special gifts were made to members of the coaching staff.

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