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## Sooners in the Legislature

**T**HE Seventeenth Legislature convenes this month with O.U. alumni and former students in most of the positions of leadership, and composing more than a third of the entire membership of the Senate and House.

Sixteen members of the Senate and thirty-nine members of the House are O.U. alumni or former students, or are now enrolled in the University.

James A. Rinehart, '23law, El Reno, holds the important position of president pro tempore of the State Senate. Mr. Rinehart has been practicing law in El Reno since 1923. From 1924 to 1928 he was county judge of Canadian County. He was born in Texas, but has lived in Oklahoma since he was six months old. As a student in Duncan High School he ran the mile and half-mile on the track team, and won an interscholastic contest in oratory held at the University of Oklahoma. He came to O.U. to study law and his activities there included Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity; and Forum.

Other Sooners who are scheduled to hold major positions in the Senate are H. M. Curnutt, '16ex, Barnsdall, floor leader; Charles B. Duffy, '22law, Ponca City, chairman of the committee on committees and mentioned for chairman of the appropriations committee; and Murrell H. Thornton, '10 ex, Muskogee, chairman of the revenue and taxation committee.

In the House of Representatives, the presiding officer will be Don Welch, '19ex, Madill, who was elected speaker at the House caucus. Mr. Welch began his law practice at Antlers in 1919, but has been located at Madill since 1921. He has repre-

sented Marshall County in the Legislature since 1935.

Mr. Welch was born in Indian Territory near Wister and attended high school at Albion in Pushmataha County. His college works included study at the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa, Oklahoma A. and M. College, and the University of Oklahoma Law School.

Floor leader in the house is Murray F. Gibbons, '15ex, Oklahoma City, a veteran of many Legislative sessions. Harold Freeman, '25ex, Pauls Valley, was chosen speaker pro tempore of the House and chairman of the committee on employment.

**P**AST experience has proved to the University administration that not all alumni and former students remain loyal to their alma mater when politics are involved, but at any rate a large proportion of the members of the new Legislature have some first hand knowledge of what the University of Oklahoma is and what it is trying to do.

The new governor is Leon C. Phillips, '16law, former Sooner football player, the first O.U. graduate ever to sit in the chair of the chief executive of the State. With Sooners holding virtually all of the important positions of leadership in the work of the Seventeenth Legislature, it seems reasonable to expect that the University's budget request at least will get a fair hearing.

In the past, certain members of the Legislature have openly opposed the University for various reasons, such as (1) Resentment over failure to get patronage plums at the University (2) Personal animosity against certain members of the University staff

(3) Poor showing of the football team that season (4) Honest belief that certain policies of the University are radically wrong.

Those in the last classification give perhaps the least trouble of all, because they are honest enough to listen to reason and will consider factual information for what it is worth. The football situation is well in hand this year. Not much can be done about the other two kinds of opposition.

Here's the list of Sooners in the Senate:

James M. Wilson, '33law, Enid, District No. 8.

Tom C. Waldrep, '15law, Shawnee, District No. 13.

Leslie Chambers, '28, '29ma, Watonga, District No. 16.

Merton Munson, '31law, Lawton, District No. 17.

Joe B. Thompson, '27law, Ardmore, District No. 18.

H. M. Curnutt, '16ex, Barnsdall, District No. 34.

Jesse Taylor, '30, '36, Woodward, District No. 3.

Robert B. Harbison, '30law, Altus, District No. 5.

O. M. Bill Ginder, '21law, Cherokee, District No. 7.

Charles B. Duffy, '22law, Ponca City, District No. 9.

Boyd Cowden, '28ex, Chandler, District No. 13.

J. A. Rinehart, '23law, El Reno, District No. 14.

John Boyce McKeel, '27ex, Ada, District No. 23.

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John C. Monk, '23ex, McAlester, District No. 25.

Murrell H. Thornton, '10ex, Muskogee, District No. 27.

R. H. Sibley, '23ex, Pryor, District No. 29.

Sooners in the House of Representatives are:

E. B. Arnold, '32ex, Stilwell, Adair County.

Cecil A. Myers, student, Elk City, Beckham County.

Ben Huey, '31law, Norman, Cleveland County.

Dale Brown, '36, Coalgate, Coal County.

Jack L. Rorschach, '31law, Vinita, Craig County.

Frank Grayson, student, Atwood, Hughes County.

Robert Barr, '31ex, Dover, Kingfisher County.

Finis C. Gillespie, Jr., '35law, Hobart, Kiowa County.

Owen Townsend, student, Marietta, Love County.

K. M. Nix, '35ex, Eufaula, McIntosh County.

Don Welch, '19ex, Madill, Marshall County.

Lincoln Battenfield, student, Pryor, Mayes County.

Malcolm Baucum, '37ex, Sulphur, Murray County.

Merle D. Allen, '37ex, Perry Noble County.

Louie Gossett, '23law, Antlers, Pushmataha County.

Paul V. Carlile, student, Vian, Sequoyah County.

Sam Sullivan, '38law, Bokchito, Bryan County.

J. Kenneth Hogue, '35law, Carnegie, Caddo County.

Amos Stovall, '29law, Anadarko, Caddo County.

William Mayhew Selvidge, '38, law student, Ardmore, Carter County.

Wilson Wallace, '37, law student, Ardmore, Carter County.

Harold Freeman, '25ex, Pauls Valley, Garvin County.

Herbert Hope, '38, student, Maysville, Garvin County.

Dutch Hill, '21ex, Chickasha, Grady County.

L. D. Hoyt, '32ex, Avery, Lincoln County.

Clyde L. Andrews, '21ex, Chandler, Lincoln County.

Moss Wimbish, student, Ada, Pontotoc County.

Streeter Speakman, '12law, Sapulpa, Creek County.

Herbert L. Branan, '38law, Muskogee, Muskogee County.

Bill High, '31, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County.

Ralph Spencer, '24, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County.

Dick Bell, '35law, Seminole, Seminole County.

George Miskovsky, '36law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County.

Bryan Billings, '33ex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County.

B. B. Kerr, '31law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County.

Murray F. Gibbons, '15ex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County.

A. E. Montgomery, '15law, Tulsa, Tulsa County.

Glade R. Kirkpatrick, '27ex, Tulsa, Tulsa County.

Holly L. Anderson, '34law, Tulsa, Tulsa County.

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### Convention speaker

An address on "Co-operation Between the State Commissions and the Federal Communications Commission" was delivered by Paul A. Walker, '12, federal communications commissioner, at the annual convention of the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners, held November 16 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Walker emphasized the need for consistent policies by state and federal regulatory commissions on the problem of depreciation allowances in utilities accounting. He also pointed out the importance of co-operation in order to determine exactly where a division should be made between state and interstate jurisdiction.

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### Nazi propaganda denied

A suspicious official of the American League for Peace and Democracy dropped the troublesome question of world politics onto the desks of University authorities recently when Fred Barth, state secretary of the league, announced he had asked President Bizzell to investigate alleged "Nazi influences" on the campus.

Figuring in his charge was a young German exchange student who entered the University this year to study chemistry. Mr. Barth also said he had asked President Bizzell if there were professors favoring Naziism.

On the day following Barth's statement, the president announced no investigation was necessary.

"I know the boy personally and he is absolutely not connected with any Nazi propaganda," he said. "He's a scholarly young scientist who is studying hard on an exchange basis and is not interested in anything else. There is no ulterior motive behind his studies here and nothing will be investigated."

Two members of the board of regents, in session the day the accusations were made public, revealed they already had made an investigation to determine the extent of any un-American activities.

"There isn't any more anti-semitism at the University than any other place," Regent Eugene P. Ledbetter declared.

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