



# Campus Review

**N**EW president of the University Mothers' Association, elected at the annual meeting on the campus last month, is Mrs. Ernest Lambert, Okmulgee. She succeeds Mrs. W. C. Kite, Oklahoma City. Mrs. E. E. Dale, Norman, was elected secretary and the following district vice presidents were chosen: Mrs. Roscoe Walker, Pawhuska; Mrs. S. W. Franklin, Muskogee; Mrs. Elmer Hale, McAlester; Mrs. Annie Harris, Shawnee; Mrs. E. P. Allen, Oklahoma City; Mrs. V. K. Greer, Kingfisher; Mrs. R. C. Dragoo, Weatherford; Mrs. DeWitt Waller, Enid; Mrs. W. F. Reynolds, Joplin, Missouri.

The association, in addition to attending a luncheon 400 strong and visiting sons and daughters, attended to business as follows: 1) Changed the objectives of association from "better knowledge and understanding of the organization of the University" to "promotion of scholarship and Christian leadership" among the students; 2) Established a small fund to assist needy students; 3) Selected Parker Rossman, Oklahoma City, and Mary McLaury, Snyder, to receive the association's annual awards for religious and scholastic leadership, the cash awards to be used for trips to some interdenominational Christian conference this summer.

Miss McLaury, incidentally, is the daughter of two O. U. alumni: Finley McLaury, '16law, and Mrs. Neola Jarret McLaury, '18ex, of Snyder.

## Co-ordination Delayed

Report of the State Educational Co-ordinating Board will be delayed until after the state primary in July, and probably until shortly before the Legislature meets in January, Ernest M. Hill, '33, predicted last month in a United Press dispatch from the State Capitol. Legal advisors of the governor, the dispatch stated, doubt that the board has authority to make changes in the state's system of higher education without specific action by the Legislature.

## Little Dixie War Subsides

When the Hugo High School one-act play cast that won first place in district competition at Durant entered the state contest at Norman it placed third. Members of the cast, disappointed over their

failure to place higher, questioned John Dunn, assistant professor of drama in the University and a judge in the contest, to discover their faults.

Mr. Dunn, weary from ten hours of judging, sought to console them for their loss and made some such statement as "I think your work was wonderful considering the section of the state from which you come." His thought, he explained later, was that the team had performed admirably considering that it did not have such elaborate facilities for stage training as are found in the metropolitan high schools of the state.

The Hugo delegation, however, coming from the southeastern Oklahoma area that is sensitive to any slight, went home indignant. Things happened: 1) E. M. DeWeese, '21, editor of the *Southeast Oklahoman* at Hugo, wrote in his editorial column that Mr. Dunn's remark was an "affront to all Southeast Oklahoma" and mentioned possibility of reprisals when the next Legislature meets; 2) the *Oklahoma City Times* devoted three-fourths of a column to the story under the headline HUGO, INSULTED, TURNS THE HEAT ON THE UNIVERSITY, then followed with an editorial declaring "the charge brought by Hugo is serious enough to go to the bottom of."

University officials, facing a blitzkrieg, moved promptly: 1) John Dunn and Ru-

pel Jones, director of the School of Drama, got in a car and drove to Hugo, consulted with Hugo Dramatic Coach Martin Landers, Editor DeWeese and other interested citizens; 2) John Dunn explained, apologized, pointed out that those connected with the University desire to serve the entire state; 3) Back in Norman, Mr. Dunn wrote a letter of explanation and apology for Editor DeWeese to publish. Hugo accepted with good grace. Wrote Editor DeWeese: "It is a handsome apology contained in Mr. Dunn's letter and it should be accepted in as good spirit as made."

"It seems to the author of this column that the controversy actually was fortunate," Mr. DeWeese wrote. "Resentment of the people of Southeast Oklahoma at prejudice against their section has been smouldering for some time. Mr. Dunn's unfortunate remark was the spark that set off the flare-up. It made him the goat. He took it standing up; made no attempt to duck the issue, and came to Hugo to face his critics and endeavor to clear up a regrettable situation. We understand each other better now."

## International Affairs

With the whole world watching breathlessly as the European war enters the "all out" stage, O. U.'s third annual Oklahoma Institute of International Relations June 9-15 is expected to attract a great attendance.

Clarence K. Streit, foreign correspondent since 1920 and author of *Union Now*, a widely discussed proposal for a world union of democracies, will be a special attraction on the speakers' list of the institute. Other nationally known experts will discuss phases of the conference theme "The United States and the New World Order."

Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government, is institute chairman. Dr. Oliver E. Benson, assistant professor of government and author of *Behind the Diplomatic Looking Glass*, will conduct the roundtable sessions. Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration, and Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, professor of government, will discuss economic and political problems of America in a post-war world.

## Outstanding Co-ed

Most outstanding senior co-ed in the University this year, in the judgment of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalistic fraternity, is Eleanor Lain, diminutive but energetic editor of the *Covered Wagon* and one-time staff member of most of the campus publications. Also honored by Theta Sigma Phi at the annual Matrix Dinner were Amy Comstock, associate editor of the *Tulsa Tribune*, for outstanding work in journalism in the state; and Ima James, director of physical education for women at the University, for outstanding work by a woman faculty member.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

- June 3—Phi Beta Kappa Breakfast for Alumni, 8:00 a.m., Union Ballroom; Meeting of Stadium-Union Trustees, 9:00 a.m., Union Building; Commencement Exercises, 10:00 a.m., Fieldhouse; Annual Senior-Alumni Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Union Ballroom; Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association Executive Board, 2:30 p.m., Union Building.
- June 4—Registration for Summer Session.
- June 5—Classwork begins, 7:10 a.m.
- June 6—President's reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, 8:00 p.m.
- June 9 to 14—Third Annual Institute of International Relations.
- June 17 to 21—The Book Fair.
- June 17 to 21—Conference on Professional Writing.
- June 20—Library Conference.
- June 20, 21—Institute of Professional Relations.
- July 1 to 11—Band Directors Short Course.

Speaker at the Matrix dinner was Mrs. Kenneth Horan, literary editor of the *Chicago Daily News*, who criticized best sellers as productive of "shoddy thinking." Kathleen Norris and Faith Baldwin are read, she said, by people wanting "a pill to keep from having to think." *Grapes of Wrath* she dismissed as being distinguished by eighty pages of description of modern plumbing.

### Girl Editor

Third girl editor in the history of *Oklahoma Daily* is Nancy Royal, elected last month by the publication board to direct the student newspaper for the next semester. Managing editor during the last year, she worked up to top position on a merit basis.

Her feminine predecessors as *Daily* editor were Christine Squire, '33, now with the University of Minnesota Press, and Suzanne Arnote, '36, now on the editorial staff of the *Oklahoma City Times*.

### Letzeiser Awards

Each spring, honor awards are sprinkled thickly among outstanding students at O. U. Perhaps most hallowed by long tradition are the annual Letzeiser medal awards made to three men and three women students selected for superior leadership, scholarship, and service.

This year the girls selected are all from Tulsa. They are Dorothy Murdock, gold medal; Betty Chowning, silver award; Betty Klinglesmith, bronze award.

Men honored are William J. Hanks, Purcell, gold award; Preston Nibley, Portland, Oregon, silver award; and Clayton M. Nicholson, Shattuck, bronze award.

### Army

Compulsory R. O. T. C. training for University students always has a few opponents in the student body. This spring the *Oklahoma Daily* devoted many columns to arguments pro and con with Editor Carter Bradley leaning obviously to the con side.

Outcome: a decisive victory for compulsory R. O. T. C. training. Hiawatha Estes, student with several years experience on sampling polls for *Fortune* magazine, made a cross-section poll and found O. U. students favored the present compulsory system nearly 3 to 2.

Not entirely satisfied, the *Daily* then conducted an old-fashioned straw vote, was surprised to find that with 1,015 students casting ballots, 57.35 per cent favored compulsory military training and 38.65 opposed it.

An additional plug for military training came from W. H. Carson, dean of the College of Engineering, who said that "This year, more than ever, the men who interview seniors ask for students who have had some R. O. T. C. training, particularly advanced work.

New honor to the O. U. military unit came last month when Ben L. Burdick,



*Eleanor Lain (top picture) and Ima James are the senior girl and faculty woman honored as most outstanding by Theta Sigma Phi*

Oklahoma City, received the John J. Pershing medal for his selection as the outstanding R. O. T. C. cadet officer in the entire Eighth Corps Area.

Honorary colonel of the unit this year is Nancy Katherine Pace, fine arts junior from Oklahoma City and member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

### Literary Symposium

America is turning attention to its own literature, feeling that it has put too much emphasis on study of English literature, speakers agreed at the American Literature Symposium conducted by the University's English Department and other sponsors April 18-19.

Warning was sounded, however, that if the present nationalistic trend continues there might be danger of driving out all foreign literature.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, spoke on "The American Cultural Heritage in Modern American Education"; E. E. Leisy, Southern Methodist University, on "The Significance of Recent Scholarship in American Literature"; Floyd Stovall, North Texas State Teachers College, on "Emerson in the Modern World"; Stanley Vestal, University of Oklahoma, on "Exploits of the Indian Police"; and Theodore Hornberger, University of Texas, on "Literary Regionalism: Problems in Interpretation."

Stanley T. Williams, of Yale University, discussed "The Scholar and the Literature of His Country" at the annual initiation and banquet of Phi Beta Kappa as opening event of the Symposium program.

### Gift of Books

Three hundred books on Italian and Spanish architecture from the library of the late Clinton MacKenzie, nationally known architect, have been given to the University's School of Architecture.

### Job Prospects Good

Survey of employment prospects for this year's senior class by the *Oklahoma Daily* indicates the outlook is brighter than for any recent year.

Most numerous jobs await graduating seniors in engineering, with 75 per cent expected to have employment immediately after commencement. Average starting salary is expected to be about the same as last year—around \$100 a month.

### Covering the Campus

Net profit of \$250 was earned by the annual Sooner Carnival which attracted thousands of persons to the South Oval midway. Proceeds will be donated to the University's Semi-Centennial Celebration fund. Delta Delta Delta sorority, operating a soft drink "speakeasy" won first award for best concession. Honorable mentions went to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Kabaret, the Delta Chi Fun House, and the Phi Gamma Delta Love-Meter Booth. . . . A return to the "primitive honesty of the pioneers who made my state and yours" was advocated by Mac Q. Williamson, '10ex, state attorney general, in an address to the University Accounting Club.

. . . . An anonymous donor has given \$100 to the School of Architecture to be awarded for the three best designs for a summer cabin. . . . Cordell High School is the 1940 winner of the plaque awarded by Phi Beta Kappa to the high school whose graduates make the best scholastic average as freshmen in the University. . . . Phillis McCoy, Ponca City, member of Pi Beta Phi, is president of Associated Women Students for next year.

. . . . A fellowship to the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts has been awarded Mildred Holcombe, senior art

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of Oklahoma Alumni:

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## Oklahoma Trees for Chemurgy

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of Texas can be made to yield a gum  
that is chemically about the same as the  
valuable gum arabic imported from the  
Mediterranean. This product brings  
around 25 cents a pound, and has many  
uses such as serving as an ingredient of  
sizing and various kinds of adhesives.

To "harvest" a crop of the gum from  
mesquite, you need men to stab wounds  
in the trees—somewhat like tapping tur-  
pentine pines—and then collect the hard-  
ened lumps of gum that ooze out. This  
is a hand labor job, but might beat re-  
lief work.

Mesquite also is a honey plant, and its  
beans can be used as stock food.

Then there is the sassafras wood that  
now grows wild in many parts of Okla-  
homa where the climate is comparatively  
moist. Some Oklahomans know that  
fragrant tea can be brewed from the dried  
sassafras roots, but not many know that  
sassafras wood will yield one per cent of  
its weight in a volatile oil valuable for  
soap, perfumes and other purposes. The  
other 99 per cent could be used for wood  
distillation products.

Gorgeous hillsides of sumac are ac-  
cepted by most Oklahomans as one of  
the state's esthetic assets in the autumn.  
But those same leaves that redden the  
hills so beautifully yield 16 to 25 per cent  
of tannin, the chemical product used to  
tan leather.

Oklahoma has hides, tannin and dyes,  
yet a large proportion of the leather goes  
outside the state to be processed.

Maybe these proposals aren't practical.  
Maybe there are reasons why none of  
them will prove economically sound.

But the chemists like Dr. Shead are  
urging that the state get research projects  
under way to *find out* whether these na-  
tive plants that grow easily under Okla-  
homa conditions can be developed profit-  
ably—to create new industries and to pro-  
vide more employment and to utilize sub-  
marginal land.

Graduate students working on scholar-  
ships and fellowships in chemistry and en-  
gineering and business administration  
could do much of the necessary investi-  
gation of chemical properties and manu-  
facturing problems and potential markets.  
Until the possibilities are explored, no  
one can say with certainty whether these  
suggestions are practical.

It is human nature to look afar for  
treasures and overlook what is close to  
home. One of the divisions of the Univer-  
sity is quite proud of an elaborate collec-  
tion of wood from trees all over the world.  
It was discovered the other day that the  
collection did not include a single sample  
from Oklahoma's native bois d'arc!

Civic and business leaders of the State  
are eager for new industries to stabilize  
employment and business conditions. They

will find the chemists full of suggestions  
for possibilities to be investigated.

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student from Ada. If conditions in Euro-  
pe permit, she will be sent to Paris to  
study.... Joe N. Boaz, Oklahoma City,  
senior in the School of Architecture, is  
one of five students in the entire nation  
to be awarded graduate fellowships in the  
School of Architecture at Columbia Uni-  
versity, New York City. Boaz earned  
the highest grade average ever made by  
any student in architecture at O. U.

.... Pharmacy students have adopted a dis-  
tinctive olive green shirt with gold braid  
design.... Tau Beta Pi, honorary en-  
gineering fraternity, has constructed a con-  
crete monument, with seats, near the en-  
trance of the Engineering Building....  
Faculty members attending the annual  
Phi Beta Kappa initiation banquet were  
somewhat astonished to hear Norman  
Reynolds, junior speaker, urge the Uni-  
versity administration to deal more dras-  
tically with students who lag behind schol-  
astically.

.... University Playhouse last month pre-  
sented *Much Ado About Love*, as the Ok-  
lahoma prize play for 1940. Authors are  
Paul Barnett, '36fa, and J. H. Altman,  
both of Hollywood. Campus reviewers  
found flaws, but pronounced it enter-  
taining. Anita Stewart and Dick White  
played leading roles. John Dunn di-  
rected.

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## Summer Radio Schedule

Sunday evening, June 9, WNAD, the  
University radio station, will begin its  
summer schedule of broadcasting with the  
Union Vesper Service from the Outdoor  
Auditorium. It will be on the air six  
and one-half hours each week.

All broadcasting time during the re-  
mainder of the first week will be turned  
over to the Institute of International Re-  
lations. Broadcast of the regular Tues-  
day evening band concert on the campus  
will begin the following week. The Uni-  
versity of Oklahoma Roundtable will con-  
tinue to reach listeners all over the state  
via WNAD and the Oklahoma Network  
at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday nights.

Other highlights of the summer sched-  
ule include the weekly School of Religion  
program and the WNAD Dramatic Play-  
ers every Thursday night, talks by Dr.  
Oliver E. Benson every Tuesday evening,  
and the Radio Short Course, July 11 and  
12. Broadcasts of news, music and travel-  
ogues will be added to make up a well  
balanced schedule.