

Student Life

Covering the Campus

Paul Fondren, Oklahoma City, has been appointed chairman of a new activities board for the Oklahoma Memorial Union created to plan a centralized student activity program. A number of students were selected to aid Chairman Fondren in carrying out various projects—Frontier Week, all-University dances, war activities, talent file, and so forth . . . Marvin Breeding, student from Oklahoma City, was elected president of the Interfraternity Council composed of two representatives from each of the 19 fraternity chapters. He will supervise all campus fraternity regulations and activities . . . Abdurrahman Durukal, student from Turkey, was elected president of the soccer club.

Plans to construct a bicycle stand for use of professors who wheel to class were being considered last month after several faculty members suggested a suitable parking place was needed. If erected, the stand may also be available to students who bicycle to and fro . . . Continuing a program started last year, President Brandt announced he would hold undergraduate openhouse from time to time. In these informal sessions, students drop in without appointment to discuss problems or simply chat.

Winners in the posture division of the annual Foot and Posture contest for co-eds were Martha Lee Land, Oklahoma City, short girls competition; Jean Wheeler, Fort Smith, Arkansas, medium height class, and Pat Monnet, Tulsa, tall girls race. In the foot contest, a team representing Pi Beta Phi sorority took first place. Members of the team were Cherry Wilcoxon, Muskogee; Peggy Jo Smith, Tulsa, and Shirley Dockler, Sherman, Texas. . . . The annual co-ed walkout sponsored by Mortar Board went off in traditional style last month with about 1,500 co-eds participating. After meeting in Owen Stadium for apples and doughnuts around a blazing bonfire, the girls marched to the Union ballroom for a "women only" jam session.

Alice Christine Grube, former teacher in Japan, returned last August on the *Gripsholm* after being held in solitary confinement for four months in a Japanese prison camp. A graduate of McAlester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, she is now taking extensive study in sociology and education at O. U. Miss Grube speaks Japanese fluently, says the food situation is terrible in Japan, declares that the U. S. will have to match Nipponese sacrifices to win. . . . Gaston Constantine, graduate student in chemical engineering, escaped from Nazi-occupied France last February after serving as a first lieutenant in the French field artillery. He speaks English with only a

slight accent, had difficulty in escaping from France after demobilization. After two attempts, he was successful in crossing the Pyrenees into Spain, then to Dakar, to South America and finally to the U. S.

A gift of 4,000 plant specimens from Harvard University has increased the Robert Bebb herbarium at the University to 100,000 specimens. The herbarium is named for a former Muskogee naturalist who left a collection of 30,000 specimens to the University. . . . Because of the importance of the knowledge of German military language to American soldiers, Roy T. House, professor of modern languages announced that his department would offer a course of this kind if called for.

Rumors circulating last month that movie

cue and regular hoedown dance were tentatively scheduled on the Frontier Week calendar. The Oklahoma Memorial Union, hub of all activities, was also to be westernized, decorated with serapes, saddles and gay Indian blankets.

The Union cafeteria also was to receive a good dose of the proper atmosphere, was to be called Chief Joe's.

Employment Problem

Abundance of jobs and increased salaries for defense work created something of an employment problem at the University this fall with students blithely turning down the more menial tasks for available white-collar jobs.

The Union and Campus Corner stores



NEW, OLD DEANS MEET WITH PRESIDENT BRANDT

Appointed new dean of the University Medical School was Dr. Tom Lowry, '16med, (left), member of the school faculty and Oklahoma City physician, who succeeded Gen. Robert U. Patterson (right). This picture was snapped in President Brandt's office in early October following the regents' meeting at which Dr. Lowry's appointment was approved.

stars James Cagney and Wayne Morris were stationed at the Naval Air Base near Norman prompted the Navy to release an official communique to the contrary. However, Morris, now a lieutenant junior grade, did fly in for a brief visit to confer with officers on their instructional program. . . . The University's Varsity Club orchestra and other student entertainers appeared at the Naval Aviation Service Base last month on the program at a weekly smoker. . . . Jitterbugging at dances for Navy men was outlawed as recreation officials went into action arranging future social events for sailors.

Frontier Week

As a bang-up prelude to Homecoming November 14, plans were shaping up last month for a Frontier Week emphasizing a strictly western theme and sponsored by the student activities board of the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

Plaid shirts and cowboy regalia were specified by the board as appropriate dress for the special week which will begin November 9 and continue through the Homecoming football game with Missouri the following Saturday.

Students are expected to circulate in full western dress Homecoming Day, providing extra color for returning alumni. A barbe-

quered difficulty in securing student waiters and soda jerkers. Boarding houses which use students for kitchen help found it practically impossible to get anyone to work for room and board.

Many students probably are not working this year as savings from last summer's defense job will be adequate for awhile. Students who are employed, generally speaking, have positions at the Naval Air Bases near Norman, in offices at the University or downtown.

Placement Test Failures

Poor high school education will retard approximately 400 freshmen who enrolled in the University this fall and failed to pass placement tests in English and mathematics.

More than one-fourth of this year's freshman class failed to receive satisfactory high school training in elementary mathematics, placement test figures showed. Sixteen percent did not have sufficient background in high school English.

Out of the 1,233 freshmen who took the placement tests, 208 failed the English entrance examination and 332 the basic mathematics test. Students who failed were enrolled in remedial courses, for which they do not receive credit, until they qualify for regular University freshmen courses in English and mathematics.