

Student Life

Glee Club Honored

The University of Oklahoma Men's Glee Club, directed by Lara Hoggard, received a trophy for the finest example of choral art in the national college glee club contest concluded last month by Fred Waring, orchestra leader and radio star.

First place in the finals was won by the University of Rochester, and Purdue University placed second. Judges agreed the O. U. club's singing was the best in the contest, but (to the surprise of the Oklahoma group) based their awards largely on novel stunts and showmanship.

The O. U. glee club, as one of six regional winners, received an all-expense paid trip to New York City to compete in the finals. Glee clubs from 147 colleges and universities competed in the regional events.

Hughes B. Davis, '17ba, chairman of the O. U. Alumni Advisory Council in New York, reported to University President Joseph A. Brandt that the glee club's performance "was a distinct credit not only to the University but to the entire State of Oklahoma." Mr. Davis took the members of the club on a short excursion over the financial district of New York. "Every one in our building remarked about the very courteous manner of the boys," he reported.

Lloyd W. Maxwell, '12ba, also member of the alumni advisory council in New York, sent an announcement of the glee club's participation in the contest to Sooners living in New York, and as a result, a "goodly number" of alumni were on hand to hear the O. U. singers perform in Carnegie Hall.

The O. U. glee club, consisting of 31 men, has few music majors. Every division of the University is represented. Largest groups come from pre-med classes, the College of Engineering and the College of Business Administration.

Mr. Hoggard, assistant professor of music education and director of University choral organizations, at 27 is one of the youngest directors in the nation. He has a B.A. degree from Southeastern State College, Durant, and M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

Winning national honors is nothing new to University glee clubs. In 1928 the O. U. singers won fifth place in a national in New York City, and ranked higher than choral organizations in many large institutions, including Princeton and Yale. At the national contest held in St. Louis in 1932, the club placed third.

Discussing the award won by the O. U. club in Waring's contest last month, C. B. Macklin, music critic for the *Daily Oklahoman*, wrote that "It must be a matter of intense and justified pride to Oklahomans

that the O. U. club exhibited such an outstanding example of choral art that the judges had no choice but to recognize it. With the Purdue club singing only a few minutes before the Norman boys it was easy to make just comparison—and from a musical and artistic standpoint there was actually no comparison at all. When will it be generally understood that Oklahoma produces artists as well as oil and broom-corn?"

New Enlistment Program

The University of Oklahoma has been designated by the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department as an accredited institution to offer the V-1 program for young men between the ages of 17 to 19.

Any freshman or sophomore who meets the age requirements and passes a physical examination will be accepted. After completing a year and a half of college work, he is given a written examination by the Navy. If he ranks sufficiently high, he may take V-5 training to be an officer pilot. If he qualifies for transfer to the V-7 program, he will continue in college until he has received a bachelor's degree. Ships' officers are chosen from the latter classification.

National Speech Winner

Fresh from a trip to New York City and other eastern cities where he was declared one of six national winners in the 1942 National Extempore Discussion Contest, Joe H. Sterling, '42ba, Seminole, trekked Mexico way last month for extensive traveling, sightseeing and study.

The Mexico trip, on which Mr. Sterling was accompanied by the five other winners and Dr. Lynn Lazzari, tutor-guide representing the American Express Escort service, was sponsored by Nelson Rockefeller, Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, who also had charge of the national speech event.

The group will maintain headquarters in Mexico City while visiting surrounding historical spots in Monterey, Taxco and other cities. Climax of their travels will be a plane flight to Yucatan to inspect the famed Mayan ruins. Upon returning to Mexico City, Mr. Sterling and his comrades will enrol in the University of Mexico for a six-week summer course.

In order to win the national honor, Mr. Sterling had to out-talk contestants in local, district and regional contests. He was chosen winner in the southwest region out of 14 contestants representing colleges and universities in seven states. In all, 352 American colleges and 25,000 speech students took part in the nationwide tournament.

Mr. Sterling went to New York City for the national finals May 14 which were broadcast over America's Town Meeting

of the Air program. Among the notables he met during his sojourn in the East were Co-ordinator Rockefeller, Mayor LaGuardia of New York City, Edward Tomlinson, dean of Blue Network commentators; Paul A. Walker, '12law, Federal Communications Commissioner, who took him to lunch and later on a tour of the national capital; and Harry B. Summers, '21ba, with NBC's Blue Network in New York City.

National Bridge Honors

A University of Oklahoma contract bridge team placed second in the national intercollege bridge tournament for 1942, ranking second only to Princeton, and placing one rank above Harvard. A total of 54 colleges and universities, representing 25 states, participated.

Each team played on its own campus, using 18 set hands that were provided, and scoring was done by comparing results with a "par" score.

Lester Lloyd was game captain for the Sooner team, which was composed of Libby Hoover, Herman Hart, George Wild, Bill Johnson, Paul Haskett, Charles Clifford, Roy Towers and Ralph Watt.

Covering the Campus

A unit of 78 students from the University Naval R.O.T.C. went to Corpus Christi, Texas, last month for the annual "summer cruise," which this year was expected to consist largely of training work close to shore. . . . *Hail to Oklahoma*, the spirited song written for O. U. by Gayle Grubb, Oklahoma City radio executive, received more national attention last month when it was played over the NBC network in a program that included a number of outstanding college songs.

. . . Because of transportation problems and other war-time difficulties, the annual Boys' State and Girls' State sponsored by the American Legion at the University have been canceled for this year. . . Oscar Burman, 21-year-old pharmacy student, of Syracuse, New York, was killed in an automobile accident in Craig County last month.

. . . Vivian Saunkeah, Oklahoma City girl who received a degree in the June commencement exercises is the first woman member of the Kiowa Indian tribe to graduate from O. U. . . . University housing regulations were relaxed for the summer to permit operators of approved rooming houses to lodge non-students. Restrictions were lowered because many householders were hard hit last semester by the decline in the number of students, and because many men students are staying in Norman to work on the naval base projects but are not in school.

Ruling on Deferments

Students who are in the Army or Navy enlisted reserve, or who have been given draft deferments to complete educational programs, must continue in school during summers in order to remain eligible for deferment, Selective Service Headquarters in Washington has announced.