

The University

**"Ole" Student Council Plus
No-Car Rule—in Retrospect**

Those hundreds of Sooner Alumni who served as members of the Student Council along with those hundreds of Alumni who served in various capacities on the staff of *The Oklahoma Daily*—will like this!

In a recent issue of *The Oklahoma Daily*—Madam Ed, the very efficient Mary Evelyn Smith—in her personal column "Without or With Offense" discusses a post-war (the Student Senate corresponding "Youngster" to the old Student Council) legislative problem. Remember when you, as one of the legislatin' Sooners delved into this problem? Also—remember when you discussed ways and means to cope with the no-car rule? Well, here is the post-war 1945 version.

"O. U.'s Student Senate even in its infancy is showing that it means business, that it intends to be of definite service to the students it represents and to the University itself.

"The first hot potato tossed at the Senate by University administration has been neatly caught, cooled, and tossed back—the no-car rule, which the Senate wants to make a car-rule.

"Faced with innumerable difficulties, the student conduct committee composed of three Senate members and two faculty members has worked out a plan criticized because of its complexity and red tape. Don't think for one minute that this plan is the result of an afternoon's work, or even of a week's work. This group has worked with University officials, campus police and state department of safety in order that the completed plan be acceptable to police officials as well as President Cross.

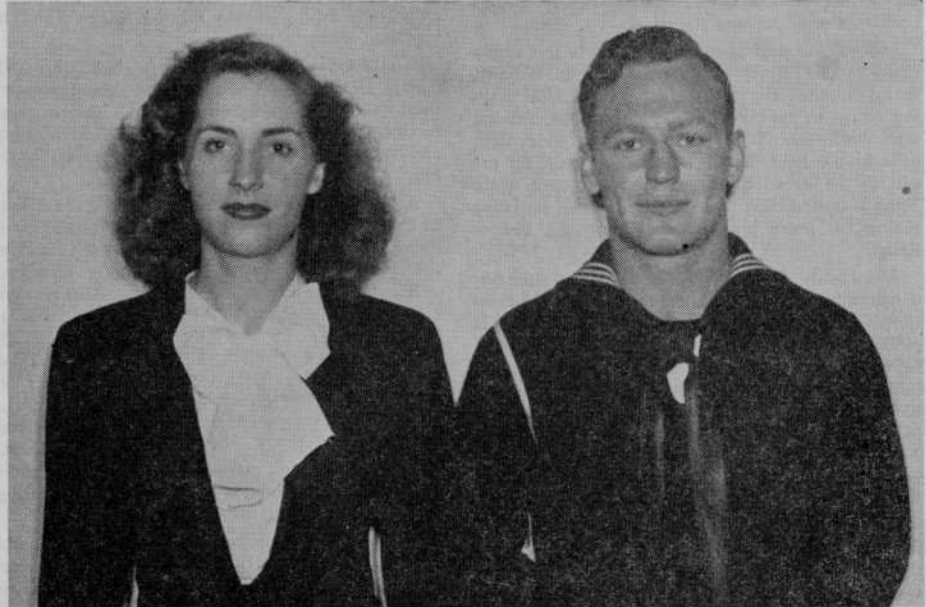
"The no-car rule was abandoned by the committee because of varied reasons—the almost impossible problem of enforcement, the greater number of married and graduate students at the University, and what is more important, the negative aspect of the rule which does not stimulate citizenship and responsibility on the part of the individual student.

"Because of the last-mentioned item, the committee members were primarily interested in regulating the use of cars as a traffic problem and approaching enforcement on the basis of individual responsibility and citizenship. And there you have the reason for the liability insurance of not less than \$1,000 property damage and \$5,000 personal injury which would be necessary for permits to keep a car under the Senate-approved proposal.

"It is true that not all students will be able to have cars, probably very few will be able to afford the expense. Many students reason that 50 some-odd dollars for insurance will keep a lot of students from keeping their cars at the University, including a number of veterans whose education is sponsored entirely by the GI bill of rights program.

"Such a clause is needed, however, to satisfy University and police officials, and besides, everybody who owns a car should have the insurance.

"The committee plan, approved by the Senate, may not be wholly satisfactory to all students, but it is the best workable plan suggested for a rather touchy situation. If accepted by President Cross, the rule may prove the most concrete evidence of the Student Senate's contribution to the University."



Dads' Day award winners, Anne Hardy and Bob Thacker.

**Outstanding Students
Receive Awards**

Ann Hardy, Henryetta, and Bobby Gene Thacker, Oklahoma City, were named winners of the University Dads' association awards for the outstanding students in the University.

Miss Hardy is president of Mortar Board, has been a member of the house council and judicial board for the residential halls, earned membership in Alpha Lambda Delta and was selected by Mortar Board as the outstanding freshman woman her freshman year. She holds membership in Spanish club, Cadettes, Y.W.C.A. cabinet, Inter-Religious council and the University debate team. She has been publicity chairman for Associated Women Students, was president of Philosophy club, coed counselor, delegate to the Student Constitutional convention, treasurer of Chi Delta Phi, treasurer of Kappa Kappa Gamma and has a grade average of 2.67 in the school of letters.

Mr. Thacker, a naval trainee majoring in mechanical engineering, is president of the Engineers' club, president of St. Pat's council, and holds membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau, Pi Tau Sigma, was selected for Pe-et, Phi Eta Sigma, LKOT, is on the V-12 Battalion staff and lettered in track last spring.

Heads O. U. Vets Wives

Mrs. Gene Moore was chosen chairman of Wives of University Veterans when the group officially organized recently on the O. U. Campus. Mrs. Gordon Geddes was elected reporter.

The WUVs were sponsored at first by the Associated Women Students, but they are now an independent organization on the campus.

**O. U. Fraternities' Reactivation
Plan Passed, In Effect**

Recommendations for the reopening of fraternities, which have not been functioning on the campus since June, 1943, have been drawn up and approved by the Oklahoma Interfraternity Alumni Council, Fred Collins, president of the Interfraternity Council, announced recently. These have also been approved by the faculty advisors for the fraternities.

Fraternities were declared in existence and as active chapters on November 12 and rushing will be permitted from that date until May 1, 1946.

Each fraternity will be permitted to hold one rush party during this period and that party must be in Norman. Six or more rushees present at a rush function will be declared a rush party. Not more than \$100 may be spent by any group or fraternity for rushing.

Pledging will be permitted on and after the first day of the second semester, until May 1, but there will be no pledging between this date and September, 1946.

Each fraternity may pledge ten men during the second semester. If a pledge is broken or released, the fraternity may fill this quota.

Pre-war and hold-over pledges are not to be considered a part of the ten new pledges permitted. Any fraternity may initiate such pre-war and hold-over pledges at their discretion, with the approval of the Interfraternity Council. No quota pledges may be initiated prior to April 1, 1946.

Each fraternity must report to the secretary of the Interfraternity Council the proposed date and place of any rush party, names of all hold-over and pre-war pledges, initiation dates of said pledges, names of all pledges taken in after the beginning of the second semester and names of all pledges released and the cause of their release.

"The Work of the Regents"

The Board of Regents authorized November 7 that plans be drawn up by the campus planning office for an \$80,000 music practice room building. This is to be financed by a self-liquidating bond issue to be retired by student fees of \$10 per semester for the use of these practice facilities.

The Board voted to request reactivation of advanced ROTC beginning with the opening of the second semester of the school year 1945-1946, January 14, 1946.

They authorized President Cross to sign agreements for a federal loan of \$36,043 to be used in drawing up architects' plans for a classroom building and a women's dormitory. (Classroom—\$12,228; Dormitory—\$28,815). The loan is to be repaid when funds become available.

The Board rescinded their previous action* concerning use of the Fieldhouse floor for dances. They voted to make the floor available upon special occasions when the president gave approval and a fee based on the cost of reconditioning is granted. The amount not used in reconditioning the floor will be returned to the persons making the payment.

*Previously the Board voted that the president of the University should determine when and under what conditions the fieldhouse floor could be used for dances and social functions and that after approval is given \$300 should be paid in advance.

After receiving a petition signed by approximately 1,500 students requesting the University to continue on a three-semester basis, the board adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma forward to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education the petition of the students of the University asking for a three-semester school year at the University.

"The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma approves of a year around program for war veterans, but finds it cannot be financed on a three-semester basis unless additional funds are made available.

"The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma approves, as feasible within existing allocations, of an enlarged August session to supplement the eight-weeks summer term, thus meeting in so far as is possible the needs of returning veterans."

The board also adopted a resolution authorizing the president of the University to sign contracts with the Federal Public Housing agency for 30 trailer housing units and miscellaneous equipment. The trailers will provide living quarters for married war veterans attending the University.

Resignations:

Mrs. Muriel M. Schmidt, secretary to the director of the Extension Division, effective November 1, 1945.

Mrs. Linda Mae Walden, secretary, Testing and Guidance Center, effective October 31, 1945.

Mrs. Lydia Evans, clerical stenographer, Department of History, effective October 25, 1945.

Mrs. Naomi Wall, administrative secretary, College of Arts and Sciences, effective November 8, 1945.

Mrs. Betty Frances Jeffs Jones, stenographer, Correspondence Study Department, Extension Division, effective October 10, 1945.

D. O. Nichols, jr., instructor in mechanical engineering, effective October 6, 1945.

Buren C. Robbins, previously appointed production manager of WNAD, effective September 17, 1945, failed to report for this position and his appointment has been cancelled.

J. Hollis Cross, instructor in mathematics, effective October 5, 1945.

Miss Helen Cullins, continuity editor, radio station WNAD, effective October 15, 1945.

Mrs. Jeanette Hollman, music director, WNAD, effective November 1, 1945.

Mrs. Gloria Thompson, clerical secretary, Alumni Records office, effective October 31, 1945.

A. W. Hansen, caretaker of ROTC property on temporary appointment, October 31, 1945.

Leaves of Absence

John O'Neil, instructor in art, now in military service, has requested a year's extension of his leave for further study.

Teachers and other employees on leave of absence for military service who have returned to their respective positions on the date indicated in each case.

Dr. H. C. Peterson, professor of history, October 8, 1945.

Charles H. Brown, instructor in journalism, November 1, 1945.

Herbert Scott, director of the Extension Division. Dr. M. L. Wardell, acting director of the Extension Division during the absence of Mr. Scott, is giving full time to his work in the history department.

Boyd Gunning, assistant director of the Extension Division; head of Short Courses and Conferences and Visual Education Department.

Appointments

Earl Sneed, jr., visiting associate professor of law, effective October 19, 1945.

Helen F. Lauterer, assistant professor of drama, effective November 1, 1945.

Joe R. Foote, instructor in mathematics, effective October 22, 1945 to May 7, 1946.

Miss Genevieve L. Janssen, assistant professor of social work, effective May 1, 1946.

Miss Odcal Locke, instructor in English, effective November 1, 1945 to January 12, 1946.

Vernie Lynn Doty, assistant continuity editor and women's editor, WNAD, effective October 15, 1945.

Lewin Coff, teaching assistant, Department of Drama, effective October 5 to November 1, 1945.

J. E. Spinks, assistant military property custodian, Department of Military Science and Tactics, effective October 29, 1945.

Mrs. Martha Lee Brazil, clerical secretary, Department of English, transferred to office of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences as administrative secretary effective November 1, 1945.

Miss Jean McDonald, secretary, Department of English, transferred from the office of the president, effective October 12, 1945.

Mrs. Maureen Powell, clerical secretary, Testing and Guidance Service, effective November 1, 1945.

Lawrence W. Snow, linotype operator, University Press, effective October 15, 1945.

Mrs. Mildred Stuart Dillon, clerical stenographer, Department of History, effective October 27, 1945.

Mrs. Maude Oakes, locker room clerk, physical education for women, effective November 1, 1945.

Miss Marjorie Stewart, secretary (half-time) office of the dean of admission, effective September 18, 1945.

Miss Eva Dell Hughes, secretary (half time) office of the dean of admission, effective October 1, 1945.

Miss Nita Pratt, clerical stenographer, office of the dean of admission, effective August 16 to September 15 and from September 16 to October 5 (half time).

Miss Virginia Follmar, clerical secretary, Correspondence Study Department, Extension Division, effective November 1, 1945.

Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, clerical secretary, office of the president, effective November 1, 1945.

Medical School Changes

Dr. William Arlin Loy, associate professor of preventive medicine and public health, effective October 15 to December 31, 1945. Dr. Loy is taking the place of Dr. D. B. McMullen, who is now on leave of absence.

Dr. Reynold Patzer, assistant professor of surgery, effective November 15, 1945 to July 1, 1946.

Mortar Board Selects Five Coeds

Five coeds were selected by Mortar Board of O. U., national senior society for women, in its annual tapping late in November.

Billie Lee Anderson and Marian Mowry, Kansas City, Missouri; Mary Evelyn Smith, Lawton, and Gerry and Charlotte Wrinkle, daughters of O. U. staff member Herbert E. Wrinkle, director of high-school relations, were tapped in classrooms.

Mortar Board members Ann Hardy, Henryetta,

president; Velda Ruth McDaniel, Oklahoma City; Betty Jo Beck, Miami, and Kay Cooley, Norman, entered classrooms and pinned the gold tassels on the new pledges.

Celebrity Series Reappears

World famous figures in fine arts fields will be presented in the Celebrity Series at the University this year under the sponsorship of the Student Senate. This is the first all-campus movement to be sponsored by the new Senate. The series will bring such performers as Helen Jepson, Metropolitan opera soprano; Sir Thomas Beecham, lecturer and recitalist; Robert Rudie, violinist; the Oklahoma State Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Ballet.

The season began November 22 with the appearance of General Platoff's Don Cossack Russian Chorus in Holmberg Hall before a large student audience.

Just Right!

The editorial quoted below is a reprint from the Oklahoma City Times appearing on the evening of November 8, 1945. To all of which hundreds of alumni add their "Amen."

DARK AGES IN EDUCATION

It is admirable of Doctor Cross, president of the state University, to admit frankly that many of the courses in higher education today still are in the dark ages.

The student who knows what he wants to do in business life and who wants a course in the history of western civilization cannot get it without taking some Greek and Roman history along with it.

Freshman courses, which should be general and open so the student may elect the subjects that will do him the most good, are specifically planned by specialists; therefore the student in liberal arts is forced to take algebra. It is the same in geometry, science and some of the languages that never are mastered. Nothing follows the specialized courses so the student may correlate the subjects to his life interests and use the information.

Educators for the last generation have been admitting freely that courses for students in public schools and in universities miss the mark, do not measure up to ever-changing needs of the modern day. Every time there is a convention of educators the main topic of discussion is the changing of courses to serve the students in more helpful, practical ways. This cry has been heard over and over again for the last 25 years and it has been emphasized even more in the last five years.

People in general and the students in particular rise to inquire: Why isn't something being done about it? If educators themselves are satisfied that stuff from the dark ages still is crammed into students in these modern times, why should the educators wait any longer to correct the courses? If algebra and Roman history do not fit into the plans of a freshman who wants to be a geologist, why make it compulsory for him to carry that extra load during his university years?

Doctor Cross is right in saying that what the field of education needs is a "course on courses"—revising them so they will fit individual and modern needs. Continuing to reiterate that the courses need wholesale revamping won't do any good until the talk is bolstered by action.

Master of Chess Will Visit

George Koltanowski, internationally known Belgian chess master, will make an appearance here in January, Dr. Kester Svendsen, sponsor of the University chess club has announced.

Mr. Koltanowski, who is making an American tour, will play 30 games at once against campus opponents, both student and faculty. Afterwards he will give a lecture for both beginning and advanced players.

Noted for his skill at simultaneous blindfold chess, Mr. Koltanowski once played 34 such games at the same time, winning 24 and drawing the remainder.