

The University

O.U. Students to Ride Again

Was it 18, 20, 25 or 30 years ago when the ban prohibiting the use of automobiles on the part of O. U. students while enrolled in school was inaugurated? Whatever the number of years, it has been a question of discussion and the target for action on the part of student legislators in both the old Student Council and the new University of Oklahoma Student Senate. Recent announcement was made by E. E. Hatfield, secretary of the University of Oklahoma Senate, of the removal of the ban on this long traditional regulation. In making the announcement, Mr. Hatfield stated, "The University Senate met in regular session with President George L. Cross presiding.

"The proposed car rule which had been previously drawn up by a committee from the Student Senate and which also has been unanimously approved by the Student Senate was brought before the University Senate for consideration.

"After careful consideration the proposed car rule was approved for a period of one year. It was agreed that if the rule was found to be a good one, it may be continued indefinitely; while on the other hand if it does not work out satisfactorily, it may be changed after the one year trial period.

"Since this car rule is a step in the direction of student self-government, the members of the University Faculty Senate expressed their hope that the student body will co-operate in carrying out the rule."

The proposed car rule as submitted by the Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma and as approved for one year by the University Faculty Senate provides as follows:

"(1) At the time of registration, all students who expect to operate automobiles for more than one week while enrolled as students at the University shall indicate their intentions on an automobile registration card. A fee of \$1.00 for each semester will be assessed each driver to cover expenses of the University license tag and pay for secretarial help. Any surplus from fees will be carried over to the following year and result in a possible reduction of future fees. Students who plan to use a motor vehicle for less than a week must secure permission from the student conduct committee for each occasion. A fee of 25c will be charged for each special permit. Holders of special permits must meet all other requirements.

"(2) Unmarried undergraduates under 21 years of age must secure written permission from parents or guardian to use a car within and around Norman while enrolled at the University. A blank for this permission shall be included in the letter sent by the counselor to parents or guardian of every student enrolling in the University for the first time. One copy of this blank will be filed with the counselor and one with the hostess at the student's place of residence and one with the student conduct committee.

"(3) All motor vehicles shall be protected by liability insurance of not less than \$1000 property damage and \$5000 personal injury before a permit to drive in and around Norman while at the University will be granted.

"(4) As evidence that the motor vehicle meets all reasonable safety requirements, the student shall submit his automobile to an examination by the state Department of Safety. Upon evidence of mechanical failure, the committee may require additional examinations at any time.

"(5) Students who are permitted to drive cars shall familiarize themselves with and conform to all campus, city, and state traffic and parking regulations. A copy of the University car rule, the Norman city ordinances regulating automobiles, and a list of designated parking areas for students, will be distributed to all students who expect to drive a car in Norman while students at the University.

"(6) The Student Senate acting as the car committee shall include the following members:

(a) Three students elected by the Student Senate.

(b) Two faculty members elected by the Student Senate.

(c) One senior member of the campus police force who will be a member ex-officio of the committee. He will have no vote but will act in an advisory capacity and as liaison officer between the committee and the police force. He will, as part of his official duties, attend all meetings of the committee and will send another member of his force when it is impossible for him to attend.

"(7) Campus policemen will be deputized as members of the Norman police force to enforce careful driving and adherence to parking rules on and off the campus.

"(8) For minor traffic violations, in addition to any civil fines or punishments, the permit to use the car may be revoked for a period determined by the student conduct committee. For minor infractions of these rules, the permit to use the car may be revoked. In case of revocation, should the student conduct committee so determine, a new permit may be issued but only upon payment of an additional \$5.00 fee which fee shall be paid into the treasury of the University for the administration of the car rule. For more serious infractions and continued violations, the student conduct committee may recommend the expulsion of the student from the University."

O.U. President Gives Weekly Radio Report

Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University of Oklahoma, is giving a series of broadcasts about general University developments at 5:15 p. m. each Monday, over WNAD, campus radio station.

O.U. Radio Conference Featured National Figures

The 1946 National Radio Conference was held March 7 through 10 in Norman and Oklahoma City. Dr. Sherman P. Lawton, co-ordinator of radio instruction at the University, reported that 20 states were represented.

Objectives and program sessions were planned by a national committee of outstanding commercial radio figures and representatives of radio education groups. Principal theme of this year's conference was "Radio in Transition."

The conference began at noon on March 7 with registration and addresses of welcome by President George L. Cross for the University, by Earl Williams of KFAB, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the national committee, and by Keith Tyler of the Association for Education by Radio for that organization.

Sessions scheduled for the first afternoon were Radio and the Unions, with Allan Page of KOMA, Oklahoma City, as chairman; The Station's Responsibility to the Community, Bob Hudson of the Columbia Broadcasting System, chairman, and the dinner session, Radio in Transition, with P. A. Sugg, manager of WKY, Oklahoma City, master of ceremonies.

The program Friday, March 8, consisted of the following sessions: Clinic on Management Problems, Martin Campbell, WFAA, Dallas, Texas, chairman; Radio "Firsts," E. P. J. Shurick of KMBC, chairman; Sales and Promotion Problems, Frank Crowther, WMAZ, Macon, Georgia, principal speaker; Clinic on Operation of School-Owned Stations, Storm Whaley, KUOA, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, chairman, and Radio and the Press, Cy



Face cards at the O. U. Pharmacy Association convention which occurred in March. In the front row, left to right, are Dean D. B. R. Johnson; the Hon. E. R. (Pete) Weaver, Stillwater; Louise Pope, Duncan, who was recently selected the best all-round girl student in the Pharmacy School; Val Adams, Oklahoma City, and Lace Fitschen, also of Oklahoma City. In the back row, left to right, stand Jack Harris, Durant, best all-round boy student and retiring president of the O. U. Ph.A.; A. F. Buckley, Oklahoma City, and Edgar Nicholson, Wirt, who was the highest ranking senior in the Pharmacy School

Wagner, radio editor of *Billboard* magazine, Chicago, chairman.

Saturday's sessions were: Serving the Client, Kenyon Brown, KOMA, Oklahoma City, and William O. Wiseman, WOW, Omaha, Nebraska, chairmen; live demonstration by Oklahoma City schools on Utilization of Radio Programs by Public Schools with Franklin Dunham of the U. S. Office of Education as chairman; Audience Measurement, Robert Enoch, KTOK, Oklahoma City, chairman; School Broadcasting, Harold Kent, liaison man between the War Department and the U. S. Office of Education as chairman; The New Era in the News, led by Tom O'Neal of Associated Press; The Listener Speaks, a panel; Public Interest, Convenience and Necessity, Judith Waller, NBC, chairman, and School Training in Radio, chairman, David Owen, University of Michigan.

Group breakfasts Sunday morning were followed by these sessions: Women's Programs, directed by Peggy Kay, KSO, St. Louis; Organization Broadcasting, led by Harold McCarty, chairman of the radio committee of the National Council of Parents and Teachers; Radio in a Democracy, subject for closed luncheon of the Association for Education by Radio, and Television and FM, with J. R. Popple, president of the Television Broadcasters Association as chairman.

Thursday and Friday activities were held on the University campus, while Saturday and Sunday meetings were in Oklahoma City.

Alumni Files Lack But One Item Grads' Fingerprints

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About the only thing missing from the University of Oklahoma alumni files are the fingerprints of each graduate. Possibly the records office would add photo copies of the "finger-means-of-identification" except for the fact there really isn't filing space.

Already there is a maze of filing cabinets holding 84,000 cards, folders and plates which give up-to-date information about the holders of 27,000 degrees issued by the University and hundreds of former O. U. students who have "service" records.

Once an O. U. graduate, always an "OUer" believes the record office staff which is busy all the time revising and correcting the various files so they will give accurate data. Calls come in daily from different publications, University departments, alumni, faculty members and business firms for information which is available only in the alumni files. They are used constantly in supplying information for the Sooner Magazine, monthly alumni publication, the University placement service, the athletic department and dozens of other agencies.

Because of the added expense and work involved in keeping records about all former students, the alumni files have, up to the present, been limited to only University graduates. Currently, the Alumni Association is in the midst of a statewide work project to add the names of all former students now residing in Oklahoma's 77 counties to its mailing list.

During the war the alumni records staff spent long hours keeping complete war records on every University student or graduate who entered the service. This involved extra "paper" work, accurate checking of addresses, battle histories, and decorations, as well as reports on deaths, missing-in-action notices and discharges.

To provide detailed life-histories of each University graduate, a biographical information sheet is given each person who receives a degree. Small cards are filled out for each member of a graduating class and filed alphabetically. Included in the information on the cards are each student's address, occupation, degree, references and an indication of whether he holds a \$60 life membership in the Association or pays \$3 a year as an annual member.

Folders, corresponding to numbers on each of

the cards in the basic file, contain newspaper clippings, articles, letters and any other information that comes into the office concerning a graduate or serviceman. It is in these folders that the biographical and war record information sheets are placed.

Backbone of the entire alumni set-up is the geographically arranged addressograph mailing list of nearly 28,000 names. This makes it a simple matter to have an accurate list of all O. U. graduates living in a particular Oklahoma town or county. In line with this plan, all graduates living out of the state are grouped together according to the cities within each state.

Outstanding feature of the addressograph system is its special "key" whereby particular groups of graduates can be selected automatically. Each of the 28,000 addressograph cards for graduates and servicemen has 100 numbers on it. By punching certain numbers complete lists of graduates in a certain year, those holding degrees in any particular field, or those subscribing to the Sooner Magazine can be separated easily.

Newest phase of the alumni work is the organization of Sooner clubs composed of graduates and former O. U. students. At present there are 31 chartered alumni clubs, the first of which to organize was St. Louis, Missouri. Now active in many of the larger communities in Oklahoma, Sooner clubs also have been organized in Washington, D. C., New York, Los Angeles and Hawaii. The club most recently applying for a charter was the Osage County group.

Driving force behind the alumni work is Ted M. Beard, executive secretary-manager. Mrs. Mary N. Turnbull, administrative secretary, has charge of all the work in the records bureau. Mr. Beard and Mrs. Turnbull supervise the work of nine student assistants and three full time employees who help with the addressograph, Sooner Magazine, files in the records office and general alumni "chores."

5,200 Veterans Expected at O.U.

With more than 2,600 veterans now enrolled in the University of Oklahoma, administrative officials are making plans to care for twice that number during the summer session, June 1 to August 31, it has been announced by President George L. Cross.

More than 750 veterans were turned away this semester because of inadequate housing, he said. He believes that at least 500 more came to Norman, discovered the housing shortage and then returned home without attempting to enrol. Hundreds of veterans commute to Norman from Oklahoma City, Moore, Noble, Purcell, Shawnee and even Chickasha.

"These men gave the years of their youth in order that we might enjoy the peace and security that is ours," President Cross stated. "They deserve the right of an education. They deserve the privilege of attending their own university. We are doing everything in our power to provide the necessary facilities."

O.U. Plans Summer Terms for Vets, School Teachers

It will be "school days" even in summertime for thousands of veterans and the University of Oklahoma is now making plans to offer a three-month period of summer instruction designed to fit veterans needs.

Functioning on a two term basis—one 8-week period and a 12-week session—the summer program will be planned so veterans can complete a total of 12 or 13 college credit hours during the usual vacation period.

Enrolment for both the sessions has been set for May 31 and June 1, Dr. V. E. Monnett, chairman of the summer school committee, has announced.

In addition to the 4,000 veterans expected to enrol in summer classes, hundreds of Oklahoma school teachers will trek to the O. U. campus to enrol in special education courses.

University Press Wins Award

For the second straight year a book published by the University of Oklahoma Press has been selected by the American Institute of Graphic Arts as one of the best examples of book manufacture and design.

The 1945 selection was "U.S.D.A. Manager of American Agriculture," written by Ferdie Deering, Oklahoma City, and designed by Will Ransom, art editor of the University Press. Ramon F. Adams' "Western Words," also designed by Ransom, won the Institute award for 1944.

The institute annually selects 50 books for their distinctive design and workmanship. The group will be exhibited at the New York public library.

Treasure Room's 5,000 Volumes Have High Value

Among the age-yellowed books that rest on the shelves of the Treasure Room of the University of Oklahoma library are 5,000 rare volumes and first editions.

Collected over a period of about 20 years—some bought at auction and others presented as gifts—the dog-eared corners and musty pages of the books lend an ancient air about the rows of volumes.

Among them are such prizes as the first edition of "Duenna" by R. B. Sheridan, which is said to be so rare that not even the British Museum has a copy.

Other prized reading materials are a set of seven volumes of Shakespeare, bound in hand-carved leather, and a handwritten transcript of one of Mr. Sheridan's books.

Excellent examples of early printing are two books published in 1483. There are also volumes containing colored pictures and hand-illumination (part of the letters in color, usually red or blue). Many are autographed copies.

For language students, there are books in Latin, Spanish, German and French, although the volumes are usually bought for the material they contain and not because they are in the original language.

The Treasure Room contains all types of first editions and books thought to be too rare to circulate, but "we also try to buy rare books about Oklahoma and the Southwest," said J. L. Rader, University librarian.

Books that belonged in the private collections of Joseph Quincy Adams, formerly of Cornell University, and Joseph Edward Hallinen, are also in the Treasure Room. Mr. Hallinen's library contained over 350 first editions.

Although the books can not be taken from the Treasure Room, students are permitted to use them as reference material and as sources of required readings.

Keeper of the books is Mr. Rader, who has been University librarian since 1908. He received a B.A. degree from the University and in 1913 completed work on an M.A. degree. He is especially interested in rare books and his personal library of about 1,000 contains a great many first editions.

Annual O.U. Gas Short Course To Be Held

Designed to better serve both the public and the industry, the 21st Annual Southwestern Gas-Measurement short course will be conducted by the College of Engineering at the University April 23 to 25.

The 1946 course will offer three days' of instruction by experts from the gas, gasoline and oil industries and an opportunity to inspect new equipment of manufacturers, Dean William H. Carson said.

Companies sent 544 employes from 25 states and Canada to the 1945 school. The first course was held in 1924 at the suggestion of the Oklahoma Utilities Association.