

Alumni in The News



DUANE ROLLER

Roller Awarded Oersted Medal

The American Association of Physics Teachers has announced that the Oersted Medal has been awarded to Duane Roller, '23ba, 25ms, professor and head of the Department of Physics of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. The award is made annually "for notable contributions to the teaching of physics."

Through the American Journal of Physics, which he has edited since it was founded in 1933, Dr. Roller has made probably the most notable contribution to the teaching of physics at college and university levels since the subject was introduced into our educational system.

Dr. Roller attended Culver Military Academy and did his undergraduate work at the University of Oklahoma. He also taught at O. U. before starting and after finishing work for the doctorate at California Institute of Technology. Subsequently he was a research associate at Columbia and an associate professor at Hunter College. During the first World War, he was a pilot and during the recent conflict he was chief technical aide of the National Defense Research Committee.

Former recipients of the Oersted Medal, which has been awarded every year since 1936, include W. S. Franklin of Lehigh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Rollins; R. A. Millikan of Columbia, Chicago and Cal. Tech; Henry Crew of Northwestern, and G. W. Stewart of Iowa. Last year's award went to R. L. Edwards of Miami University.

The formal award was made at the January 31 session of the annual meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers, which will be held at Columbia University. In his acceptance address, Dr. Roller discussed physical terminology, another field in which he has made notable contributions, both to the teaching of physics and to the science itself.

Mrs. Duane Roller, '30fa, is the former Dorris DuBose of Chickasha.

Hoberecht Writes New Book

Earnest T. Hoberecht, '41ba, author of the novel, *Tokyo Romance*, which became an overnight best-seller in Japan, is now writing a book about 50 famous Americans for translation into Japanese.

Hoberecht, correspondent for the United Press, formerly lived in Watonga. After leaving the University, he worked on the Memphis Press-Scimitar. During the war, he was employed in the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard until 1944, when he joined the United Press foreign staff.

Eugene and Mom Reunited

(This article originated from Associated Press offices, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 30.)

A University of Oklahoma student and his mother who had not seen each other since he left Italy 26 years ago were reunited at a Boston airport Wednesday when Mrs. Maria Rossi Grilli stepped off a plane into the arms of Eugene Francis Grilli, 32.

Also there to greet her was another son, Emil, 34, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

The two sons came to this country in 1921 and lost track of their mother until a cousin, serving with the American Army in Italy, found her in 1944.

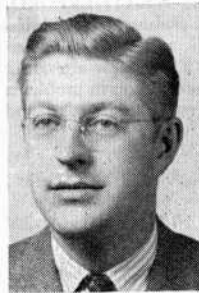
Emil, a Worcester commercial artist, and Eugene, formerly of Yukon, Oklahoma, but now claiming Worcester as his home, arranged their mother's passage to the United States.

Eugene is a sophomore student in government at O. U. where he has been a student since last January. He is attending the University under the G. I. bill of rights. Born in Rimini, Italy, he is married and lives in Sooner City. He is an Army air corps veteran.

Moore Moves to Geneva Post

Geneva, Switzerland! That's the new home address of Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Moore, Jr., '40ba, and their 22-month-old daughter, Jennie.

Warren, formerly of Norman, Oklahoma City and Chicago, sailed January 16 with his family for Europe where he will serve as vice-consul attached to the American Embassy. He was appointed to that post last October, just a few months after receiving his Army discharge.



WARREN S. MOORE

Warren was active in radio and dramatic activities while at the University. For three years he was connected with radio station WNAD and was head of the Y. M. C. A. speech department at O. U.

After leaving school Warren worked as a radio continuity writer in Oklahoma City prior to moving to Chicago, where he was a radio news editor. He worked in Chicago two years before joining the Army.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Moore, Sr., of Oklahoma City.

Wood Named Traffic Manager

Douglas Wood, '28-'29, has been appointed general traffic manager of Braniff International Airways's newly created Latin American division, according to information received by the SOONER recently.

A veteran of the Air Transport Command which he joined in 1942, Wood became affiliated with Braniff in 1935 as traffic manager in Fort Worth and later in Houston, Texas. He served as district traffic manager in Dallas for five years before entering the service.

His first military assignment with the A.T.C. was to supervise the establishment of the commercial priorities office at Love Field, Dallas, for the Oklahoma-Texas region. He later was transferred to Florida as commanding officer of the foreign air priorities base at the Miami port of embarkation, and in June 1944, was assigned to Brazil. After a year and a half of foreign duty his last assignment was special assistant to the South Atlantic division commander of the Air Transport Command.

G. L. Morris Flies 'On the Beam'

He's strictly "On the Beam"; and he talks about it.

It's not that Glenn L. Morris, '26ba, is egotistical. "On the Beam" is merely the title of Mr. Morris' lecture on the science of aviation. This Sooner alum has spent nearly a quarter of a century making science understandable to the common fellow.

Six thousand audiences have heard him "popularize" science demonstrations, and "On the Beam," his latest lecture, has had two sell-out seasons. Whenever trips to engagements justify air transportation, Mr. Morris flies his own plane with his equipment strapped in beside him.

Morris, whose home is in Madison, Wisconsin, has devised state models of electronic aids to the airman. The science of "blind flying" is one of his pets, and he often has a blindfolded member of his audience demonstrate its principle.

Alice Walter Gets Asia Post

Alice Geraldine Walter, '40ba, 808 N.W. 40th street, Oklahoma City, sailed late in December for an overseas assignment with the American Red Cross in the Far Eastern Theater of Operations.

This is her third assignment with the Red Cross overseas. Miss Walter worked in the European theater for the Red Cross from November 1943 to June 1945 and in the Pacific Ocean area from August 1945 until February of the following year.

Miss Walter was graduated from the University with a degree in social work. She is one of approximately 2,800 American Red Cross workers still serving abroad.

Stella Spaulding, '40phys.ed, is now training in physical therapy work in Kansas City, Kansas.

Dr. Kemp H. Dowdy, '40med, was recently released from military duty and has returned to his home in Everett, Washington.

Ted Armstrong, '40ba, has resigned his position on the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, to join the staff of the Oil and Gas Journal at Tulsa. Armstrong was managing editor of the Okmulgee Daily Times at the time of his enlistment into the Marine Corps in July, 1942.



DOUGLAS WOOD

Nunn 'M.C.s' Chi Off-Street Club

A big man in the business and social world and a loyal Oklahoma University alumnus in Chicago is Wesley I. Nunn, '17.

Wes, as he is known by thousands of admiring business associates and old school friends, is one of the nation's highest ranking advertising executives and for the past ten years has served as advertising manager of Standard Oil Company (Indiana). But many of his Sooner classmates of former years remember him better as the co-founder of the Oklahoma Daily. His widely-known accomplishments are evidenced that energy and thoroughness, for which he has been cited since his high school days at Shawnee, have served him well.

These same qualities also are responsible for his being recognized as one of Chicago's top civic figures. His aid or advice in connection with Big-Town functions is constantly being utilized—for he has that rare faculty for combining good judgment with speed.

One of his most current accomplishments of more than a little significance was that of presiding over the "Off-The-Street Club's" gala Christmas party program, one of Chicago's biggest annual social events for advertising people. This charitable organization, of which Nunn is a director, benefits each Yule season by an elaborate party sponsored by the Chicago Federation of Advertising Clubs. Master of Ceremonies Nunn was general chairman of festivities in 1945. He is the Federation's president this year.

Each year the party is a colossal one, with outstanding stage and radio personalities furnishing the bulk of the entertainment without cost. Dignitaries appearing on the program this Christmas included the following better-knowns: Joe E. Brown, Gertrude Lawrence, Bobby Breen, Billy Leach, Willie Shore and Maurice Rocco. The 1946 attendance was approximately 1,200, with net proceeds totaling nearly \$3,500—establishing a new high record.

Before his recent election to the presidency of the Chicago Federated Advertising Club—the voice of advertising in Chicago—Wes had rounded out 28 years of business experience.

It was after leaving the University in 1917 and serving in World War I as an infantry officer, machine gun officer and aviator that he vigorously launched out on his chosen career. He was connected for three years with the Southwestern Advertising Company, Oklahoma City, but left this concern to join the staff of the Marland Oil Company of Ponca City as assistant to the director of marketing and the advertising manager. Two years of excellent service rewarded him with the managership of the retail marketing department. Then later he moved into the position of manager of wholesale and export sales.

Nunn's abilities are far from limited to the newspaper and oil industries, however, for among his other interests he has also been an automobile dealer and—in a sense—a politician. His claim to the latter qualification is based on his managing the campaign for governor of Frank Buttram, '10ba, '12ma, Oklahoma City, in 1930.

The following six years, 1930-36, were spent with the Continental Oil Company as advertising head, and in the latter year he accepted his coveted position with Standard Oil.

Football and student publications were Wes's principal interests when he entered the University in 1914. He has retained an ardent love for the grid sport ever since and seldom passes up an opportunity to watch a Big Ten or professional spectacle. While in school at O. U. he served as sports editor and later business manager of the University Oklahoman, the school's paper, which in 1916 became the Oklahoma Daily. Nunn and Willard Campbell, '20ba, Rochester, N. Y., were the Daily's co-founders.

The Sooner Yearbook for 1917 lists Wesley Nunn's activities for his final year at O. U. as follows: Kappa Sigma social fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi journalistic fraternity, Junior Burlesque, business manager of Oklahoma Daily, Sooner Yearbook staff, class president '15, class football, Grub Street Club, and Quo Vadis. What's more, he is a charter member of the Ruf Neks.



She didn't wanna dance at first—but it didn't take jovial Wesley I. Nunn, '17, long to talk her out of the negative notion. The little tot in dancing togs is one of the participants in the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Chicago Federated Advertising Club and held this year at the Stevens Hotel. Alumnus Nunn (holding the stick horse) is president of the C.F.A.C. and presided at the party.

Wes was going great back in those days, too, and despite the 30 years that have lapsed since he attended school here, his interest in the University has failed to dwindle. He has served on the Athletic Council, the executive board of the University of Oklahoma Association and as chairman of the Association's Advisory Council in Chicago.

All in all, he's definitely the right man to know if you're a Sooner visiting Illinois' Big Town. Just get in touch with him, and the next thing you know his home or office will be your operating headquarters. You'll be entertained royally, for he knows how to do it—and does it.

Arkansas Paper Commends O.U.

Come right in, Neighbor Arkansas. You can slip your feet under our table any time. Any one who sings Oklahoma's praises must be a blood-brother to those noble citizens called in some places "Okies" and "dust-bowlers."

From over Little Rock, Arkansas, way comes a recent editorial which, in part, says:

"Along with tremendous benefits from its oil industry, its farm crops and its livestock, Oklahoma derives great benefits from its progressive and enterprising state university, which has achievements to its credit that would be worthy of larger and wealthier institutions.

"In the field of regional studies, the University of Oklahoma has become a distinguished contributor. Its Press has published both scholarly and popular books interpreting the character of the South and Southwest. . . . Last year the University received a grant from the oil industry to use in preparing a history of petroleum exploration and development.

"The school is known abroad. A New York Times dispatch from Lima tells of the Peruvian government's project to analyze 50 different dialects of native Indians. . . . And the work is being done by students of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, a private organization that maintains headquarters at the University of Oklahoma. . . .

"A distinguished educational institution prepares for a more outstanding state."

Yes, sir, Brother. Pull that chair up closer!

Latin Sooners Cement Relations

The place is South America instead of the mid-western plains, and the language is Spanish instead of English, but every day Oklahoma-taught know-how goes to work in almost every field in the lands south of the border.

Cementing hemispheric relations are over 400 Latin American alumni of the University of Oklahoma, most of whom return to their native countries after finishing their work at O. U.

Petroleum engineering is the interest of the majority of the Latin American students. This semester seven received degrees in petroleum engineering, bringing to around 75 the number who have been graduated from engineering college. Some of the students take work in other professional fields, such as medicine, chemistry, library science and others.

Faculty adviser for all Latin Americans is Dr. Stephen Scatori, professor of romance languages. Both he and W. H. Carson, dean of the College of Engineering, which attracts most of the students, rank the Latins right at the top in seriousness, ambition and application to studies.

The Spanish-speaking students, who represent 13 countries this semester, bring a reciprocal benefit to the university. Experiments have shown that both Spanish and English students learn the other's language better when they are placed in language classes together. So the South Americans serve as models in learning the correct term and accent.

Dr. Scatori's work with the Latins is not all scholastic, however. He serves as their troubleshooter, social counselor, and even adviser in the unfamiliar ways of the American maid. Two of this year's students are married to American girls they met while attending O. U.

Ray C. Snodgrass, '36ba, '38law, recently discharged from military service, is now associated with Rich and Cartwell Insurance Agency in Tulsa.

Charles Byron Bolar, '35bs, '38geol, Gotebo, is now owner and manager of the T. B. Trammell & Company, retail hardware store in Gotebo.



When Sooners get together they sometimes bring along their "little Sooners." Otis Henry, Jr. (left), '40bus, Hamilton, Bermuda, and James B. Rogers (right), '40eng, Demopolis, Alabama, met in Hugo, Oklahoma, for the first time since they were graduated from the University. They introduced prospective University of Oklahoma Sooners (left to right on floor) Tim Henry, Jim Rogers and Dick Rogers. Henry and Rogers, who are members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were visiting relatives in Hugo during the Christmas holidays.

Sooners Hold Reunion in Hugo

Two Sooner fraternity brothers who met recently to talk over old times for the first time since being graduated from the University in 1940 were Otis Henry, Jr., '40bus, and James B. Rogers, '40eng.

Since 1941 Henry has lived in Hamilton, Bermuda, where he serves as assistant civilian personnel director of the Bermuda Base Command. Rogers, formerly of Greenville, Alabama, is now business manager for the H. P. Randall Manufacturing Company division of W. Allen Rogers Industries of Demopolis, Alabama.

Both have young sons whom they introduced. Tim Henry is three and one-half, Rogers' two boys are Jim, 4, and Dick, 2.

Henry and Rogers are members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Morgan Named to WNAD Post

The appointment of W. S. Morgan to the post of production manager of the University's educational radio station, WNAD, has been announced by President Cross.

Morgan has assumed his new duties after arriving from Lincoln, Nebraska, where he recently completed three years service as director of radio education at the University of Nebraska. Prior to 1943 he taught in the Houston, Texas, public schools.

A native of Indiana, Morgan received his bachelor of arts degree from Southwest Texas State College, his L.L.B. from the University of Tennessee and his M.A. from the University of Texas. He also attended Baker College, Baldwin City, Kansas, and completed a year's work on his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin.

Vernon 'Red' Bone Tells 'Em!

Back in the late '30's (War prevented his graduation in 1940, to be exact.), Vernon F. "Red" Bone, The Burneyville Special, was chief juggler of tables and kitchenware as student assistant in the food service department of Oklahoma Memorial Union. The rookie "Red" Bone received one of those little scripts that said, "Greetings: Your friends and neighbors—." So as of 16 December 1940, under the heading of "volunteer," "Red" began his tour of duty, AND FAST! From buck private to sergeant; from sergeant to cadet; cadet to 2nd loopy; culminating from overseas service in the deep South Pacific under APO's 72-321-70-337-503 in Major "Red" Bone.

Today his "service card" says, "Attending University of Oklahoma. Address, trailer No. 4, Rural Route 2, Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma." His record in the Business Office says: "Red" Bone back on duty, Oklahoma Union—general dispenser and bouncer."

In his "leisure hours"—when not pursuing a degree in journalism on the O. U. campus—he gives 'em good sound advice. Here's what "Red" had to say in a recent feature article released in the Oklahoma Daily:

"IT'S A ROUGH WAR, CADET!

"The University R.O.T.C. unit abolished breeches in favor of trousers, it substituted shoes for boots, it even converted its stables into grocery warehouses, but it still keeps that time-honored custom of giving demerits to the poor unfortunates who cut a class or skip a drill.

"The methods of working off demerits, however, have changed considerably.

"Before the war, the demerited cadet reported to the stable sergeant, received a shovel, a broom and orders to clean up after a bunch of horses that should have been stable broken but weren't.

"If he succeeded in getting ahead in his work he could use the rest of his time oiling harness or doling out oats. By the time he had worked off his demerits, he smelled so much like the stables that he had to slink to his room through the back alleys.

"The cadet of today is a gold-brick in comparison. All he has to do is report to the Armory and move a few bales of clothing around a nice clean supply room while the supply sergeant tells him how he, the supply sergeant, won the war.

"If the cadet shows enough interest in the story he can sit out the rest of penalty simply by saying 'no kiddin'' and 'is that so, sarge?' in the right places. When the sergeant finishes the story the cadet may smell faintly of mothballs, but he can still walk around the campus without having people turn up their noses at him.

"Perhaps the best feature of the new deal in demerits is the elimination of the old joke about learning to be a pilot. Pre-war cadets who later became Oklahoma air aces have attributed none of their success to the time spent in playing nursemaid to Army horses. Maybe the joke was a stratagem of the Field Artillery to show the versatility of its training."

J-School Students Number 407

The University of Oklahoma School of Journalism ranks among the top 12 schools in the nation in number of students enrolled, according to a survey published in the January issue of Editor and Publisher.



STEWART HARRAL
J-School Director

The number of students who have indicated journalism as their major was 407 for the first semester, representing an increase of 178 over the last prewar enrolment.

The enrolment of journalism majors at Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, is 97 for the current semester, as compared to 79 before the war, according to the survey.