

Association Progress

New York Sooners Hold Reunion

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(Mrs. Robinson is the wife of Kenneth Robinson, '38ba, '38law)

Despite the first inviting spring weather in New York City which took many people to the countryside, 50 Oklahoma University alumni and friends attended the first 1947 reunion of the New York Chapter April 27 at the Henry George School of Social Science. Few members of the chapter had met the guest of honor, Dr. George L. Cross, and welcomed the opportunity of seeing the president of O.U. as well as hearing his report of the up-to-the-minute news of their alma mater.

Such early graduates as Eva L. Maxwell, '15ba, her husband, Lloyd W. Maxwell, '12ba, and Dr. Harry E. Slatkins, '13bs, were not the least surprised to hear of the outstanding achievements at the University during the intervening years since they were on the campus, because they keep current with the progress at O.U.

Mrs. Maxwell has been associated with the Henry George school for many years and is now in charge of the extension department. Mr. Maxwell is in Wall Street and they maintain a home in Danbury, Connecticut. Dr. Slatkin is on the staff of Mt. Sinai Hospital and is a diagnostician of the Board of Health, New York City. He is a native of New York who "went out west to see the country and get an education before returning east."

A. R. Neveu, '33ba, another student from the east who migrated westward "to major in psychology" returned to Brooklyn and is engaged in the real estate business.

Donald K. Dobyns, '37ba, came to New York upon graduation and is personnel officer of the Federal Housing Authority. His wife will be remembered as Kathleen Eddy, '37fa. They live in Brooklyn with their son, Douglas, 4, and young daughter, Ann, 1.

A. W. Hicks, '39ba, from Sapulpa, came to New York in '40 and is superintendent of the public schools of Rye Neck. His wife is the former Helen Bowers of Drumright. They live in Mamaroneck, New York.

Juiletta B. Kahn, '20ba, has been in New York a number of years. She is active in the alumni chapter as well as the A.A.U.W.

Rubin Fleisher, '36, and Milton Zuckerman, '39, returned to New York immediately following their graduation. Rubin is now a medical student, and Milton is working with the welfare department of New York City.

Robert H. Parker, '34ba, president of the New York chapter of the Alumni Association, is connected with Sullivan and Cromwell in Wall Street.

Kenneth M. Robinson, '38ba, '38law, enrolled in Columbia University upon being discharged from the Army and received his L.I.M. in February. He is on the legal staff of the American Air Lines. His mother, Mrs. H. D. Robinson, lives in Oklahoma City.

Maury L. Clancy, '38bs, and wife, the former Lucille MacKenzie, '38ba, recently returned from Central America and will live in New York where Maury is associated with the Wyeth International Company.

Charlotte V. Leach, '39ba, came to New York in '45 and works with the public health education in Mineola, Long Island. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leach, still live in Oklahoma City.

Leona O. Schnell, '40, received her Ph.D. from Cornell in 1946. Dr. Schnell is now with the U.S. public health service in the research laboratory at Marine Hospital on Staten Island. Her father, F. H. Schnell, lives south of Enid—at Carleton.

Julia Herrmann, '44bm, will be graduated from Juilliard School of Music this month. Her mother plans to leave her floral business in Oklahoma City temporarily to attend the exercises.

Other alumni present who were too busy renewing old friendships for your reporter to obtain information as to what they are doing and what year they strolled the O.U. campus were Howard L. Fitts, '38ba, '41law, and Mrs. Fitts, '41bm, of Elm Hurst, Long Island; E. J. Joss, '22ba, from Dobbs Ferry; Robert P. Calvert, '09ba, '10ma, Scarsdale; E. D. Uman, '33bs, Ardsley; Allen C. Duncan, '21bs, and Ahmad Saidi, '35ba, New York City.

O.U. Summer Courses Slated

State teachers who attend the University's eight-weeks summer session may take advantage of 10 short courses and conferences of special interest to educators.

These include Boys' State, June 7-14; the Association of Childhood Education workshop, June 9-21; linguistic institute, June 9-August 22; professional writers short course, June 16-19; audio-visual aids conference, June 26-28; conference on exceptional children, June 17-19; guidance conference, June 24-26; summer music camp and workshop, June 23-July 5, and the state school administrators conference, July 15, 16 and 17.

O.U. Holds Management Course

Airport managers heard regional maintenance and management authorities during the one-day airport management short course held at the University April 18. The course also dealt with problems of city and chamber of commerce officials seeking to develop aviation in state communities.

Principal speaker at the morning session was W. T. Brown, chief of the airport management and operation section, Fort Worth C.A.A. office, who discussed "Patterns and Goals of Airport Management." A. W. Hays, chairman of the state aviation commission, presided.

"Intangible Values of Aviation in the Community" was discussed by Ed Wilson, director of aviation for the city of Fort Worth, at the luncheon staged in the Union building.

At the afternoon meeting, Don Lee, C.A.A. paving engineer, Region 4, spoke on "Let's Inspect Your Airport Maintenance." W. P. Stevens, airport lighting engineer for C.A.A., told delegates about "Lighting Maintenance."

The short course was sponsored by the University Extension Division and the Oklahoma Aviation Association in co-operation with the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Tulsa Alumni Meet Wilkinson

Approximately 65 Tulsa County alumni of the University of Oklahoma met April 15 in the club room of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company where they met Charles "Bud" Wilkinson, O.U.'s head football coach, and his assistant, Gomer Jones.

Presiding at the meeting was Forrest Darrough, '21ba, '23law. A plan to intensify interest in the Tulsa County association, which includes a membership drive, was approved, Darrough said. The group also adopted a resolution extending a vote of confidence for Cleo C. Ingle, '24ba, past president of the Tulsa chapter, who is a candidate for membership on the Tulsa Board of Education.

Following a short talk by Coach Wilkinson, motion pictures of the 1946 Oklahoma-Texas football game were shown.

Those present were Harry L. S. Halley, '15ba, '17law; Elton B. Bunt, '13law; F. L. Kerstetter, Varley H. Taylor, '31ba; Dr. C. G. Stuard, '31bs, '37med; Byron Deselms, '25ba, '28law; Frank W. Abbott, '27law; Mrs. Grady Skillern, '22bfa; Grady Skillern, '27ba; Ralph Kent Bogart, Jr., '36law.

Lawrence Wilson, '34; Forrest Darrough; Agnes Lloyd, '25ba; W. G. "Dub" Lamb, '39-'43; Frank Ivy, '40phys.ed; John T. Harley, '13ba, '15law; A. R. Denison, '21bs, '25ms; Clement O. Gittinger, '08bs; Norman F. Williams, '46bus.

J. K. Keenan, '22bs; Earle T. Miller, '13; William B. Armstrong, '40bs; V. A. Stites, '40-'45; Anne E. Stites, '46ba; H. B. Kniseley, '26ba, '29ma; R. J. Cullen, '24ba; W. C. Bednar, '35eng; Frank L. Best, '37eng; B. W. Tabour, '33law; Howard J. Pixley, '32eng; G. Washington, '39law; Dewey Tennyson, '35; Jackson E. Watkins; H. E. Dunlap, '27bus; Jack M. Copass, '27bs.

C. R. Sullivan, '32bs; Hubert H. Thompson, '28eng; G. W. Haynes, '40eng; Dorothy Marie Moorman, '28eng; Kathryn Moorman; Virginia Haizlip Smith, '30ba, '38ms, '39m.soc.wk; H. Martin Burson, '33bus; J. Lester Sharp, '26ba; Mrs. J. Lester Sharp; F. G. Ross; Glenn E. Bullis; D. E. "Bill" Martin, '32ba, '32law; T. H. Conner, '43ba; Raymond H. Hardin, '36bus; William Beaty, '37 bus; Joseph Gill, '24; John L. Cook, '38bs; Lee Hendrix, '25eng.

Clyde Jacobs, '30bus; A. H. Worthley, '41bus; Raymon Ingram, '40ma; Jack Dempsey, '44bus; Leo H. Gorton, '13eng; William K. Garms, '37-'42; W. R. Clark, '36eng; Paul Flick, Jr., '39-'42; Herschel Evans, '43, and Eugene C. Stevens, '39bus.



Here is a portion of the 65 Tulsa County alumni who attended the chapter's meeting April 15 in Tulsa. Special guests included O.U. coaches "Bud" Wilkinson and Gomer Jones, who showed pictures of the 1946 O.U.-Texas football game.



Awards honoring the memory of Robert F. Whitehand, Jr., '33ba, (above) will be given writers of winning mystery stories at the professional writing short course June 16-19. Captain Whitehand was killed in action March 27, 1945.

Professional Writing Course To Be Held June 16-19 at O.U.

Writing for publication interests you? Then probably you could best invest your time and energies during June 16-19 in attending the University of Oklahoma Short Course on Professional Writing.

Readers might brush off the above statement as a bit superfluous; but it is not, for experts generally recognize the professional writing section of the O.U. Department of English as one of the nation's most outstanding. Its faculty consists of Walter S. Campbell, professor of English, and Foster Harris, '25ba, assistant professor, both well-known authors and producers of writers. Visiting authorities in the publishing field will assist them during the four-day course.

This brief session, held annually at the University under the auspices of the English department and Extension Division, is open to anyone interested in writing for publication. The registration fee is \$5.

Patrons will begin checking-in for the course on Monday morning, the 16th, before listening to talks by publishers, editors and booksellers on the afternoon program. Registered students may meet members of the staff to discuss manuscripts, markets and projects prior to evening activities.

Professor Campbell said Monday's program will include talks by a New York publisher, a representative from the *Southwest Review of Literature*, another from *Holland's*, an Oklahoma City bookseller and Savoie Lottinville, director of the University of Oklahoma press.

Tuesday will be devoted to non-fiction. Campbell and Harris have scheduled programs in the morning, afternoon and evening, including a radio dramatic broadcast in the studios of University station WNAD. Speakers Tuesday will be Professor Campbell (Stanley Vestal), Dr. William E. Livezey, Miss Ellis Marriott, Fred Gipson, Mrs. Albert Wilson Constant and Lon Tinkle.

Fiction will dominate Wednesday. The awarding of prizes to winners of the Robert Whitehand Memorial contest for mystery stories will be a feature of that day's program. Only aspiring authors who have not previously sold a detective or mystery story may compete.

The winners will receive \$100, first prize; \$50, second prize, and \$25, third prize. Manuscripts must be original unpublished detective or mystery stories not exceeding 15,000 words in length. Professor Campbell previously announced May 15 as entry deadline and said that in order to be eligible, contestants must register for the short

course.

The awards are made possible by Harlan Mendenhall, '38ba, author of more than 50 detective stories, scriptwriter for National Broadcasting Company, contributor to *Writer's Digest* and owner of Mendenhall Film Productions. They are dedicated annually to the memory of the late Capt. Robert E. Whitehand, Jr., '33ba. Captain Whitehand, a close friend of Mendenhall's, was killed in action March 27, 1945, in France.

A promising young Oklahoma playwright, short-story writer and former member of the O.U. Drama School faculty, Captain Whitehand spent more than three years making training and promotion films for the Army Air Forces. He received the Air Medal and the Legion of Merit posthumously.

Three students of Campbell's and Harris' professional writing classes at the University won last year's prizes. Laurence J. Becker, Huntington, Indiana, war veteran and junior Arts and Sciences student, received the \$100 award for his story, "Big Girls Slay Me." Minnie Halbert Henley, Oklahoma City, won the second prize with "The Corpse Sat Reading a Newspaper," and Mrs. Jessie Brown Thomas, '17, Wichita Falls, Texas, took third with "One Block To Go."

Slated to speak Wednesday are Louis L'Amour, Oklahoma City author of Western pulp fiction; Green Peyton, winner of the Texas Institute of Letters' award for '46, San Antonio; Mrs. Ennen Reaves Hall, Professor Ross M. Taylor of the University of Wichita, Leonard Snyder and Professor Harris.

The morning of Thursday, June 19, will be devoted to poetry, and visiting bards will read from their original selections before the assembly. Professor David Russell, president of the Poetry Society of Texas, will speak.

No courses in the nation rank higher in volume of sales by graduates than those conducted by Professors Campbell and Harris. The *Writer's Digest* has described them as the best in the nation.

Phi Beta Kappas Hear Mylonas

Following their initiation ceremony and annual initiation banquet, members of Phi Beta Kappa and their guests heard Dr. George Emmanuel Mylonas, head of the department of art and archaeology at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, lecture on "The Aims and Methods of Archaeology." The lecture was an event of April 29.

Of those who heard Dr. Mylonas, 23 were newly elected and freshly initiated members of Phi Beta Kappa. They included two juniors, Mark Allen Everett, Oklahoma City, and Bill Francis Stephenson, Pawhuska, in addition to 18 seniors and three alumni.

Senior initiates include Rosemary Caphaw, Norman; Phyllis Jeanne Dale, Oklahoma City; Virginia Claire Fanshey, Edmond; Paul Raymond Fuller, Oklahoma City; William Judson Holloway, Jr., Oklahoma City; James Nance King, Ada; George R. Milner, Okmulgee; Vergil Alan Shipley, Amber; Eleanor Louise Thompson, Muskogee.

Burton Clark Wood, Oklahoma City; Billie Lee Anderson, Norman; Margaret Gertrude Baird, Oklahoma City; Charles William Brandenburg, Gage; Mary Ann Calvert, Oklahoma City; Mary Patricia Burgess Jones, Joplin, Missouri; Marian Louise Mowry, Kansas City, Missouri; Marjorie Myers, Clinton and Marion Frances Wheeler, Oklahoma City.

Alumni who were selected because of outstanding achievement in science or letters since graduation, were Max Gilstrap, '37ba, managing editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*, Boston; Dr. Max L. Moorhead, '37ba, assistant professor of history, and Dr. Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of the University College.

Honorary membership was bestowed upon Dr. Charles E. Decker, research professor of geology.

Sig Eps Hold O.U. Convention

Sigma Phi Epsilon delegates from four Texas and Oklahoma schools met at the house of the University chapter on May 3-4 for an annual convention.

Tom Sexton, Sig Ep district governor who is also administrative assistant of Oklahoma state regents for higher education, presided at the con-

vention. At the meetings in the Blue Room, Union Building, members from the local chapter gave talks on fraternity affairs.

Among those members who spoke were Jack Biggerstaff, IFC president; Clee Fitzgerald, commander of the campus American Legion post; Jim Rogers, president of the Young Republicans, and Howard Cotner, president of Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising fraternity.

Other than the University of Oklahoma chapter, chapters from the University of Texas, Oklahoma A. & M. and the University of Tulsa sent delegates.

A dance in the chapter house highlighted entertainment during the two days. Pledges presented a floor show at the dance. Al Wright, business administration sophomore, presided as master of ceremonies. Bob Holderby, arts and sciences sophomore, entertained with imitations of movie stars. Conley Higdon, arts and sciences sophomore, played two piano solos, and Mike Tapp, University college freshman, entertained with Irish folk songs. Two Sig Ep alumni, Mr. Sexton and Park Yates, were accompanied in a quartet by Bob Taylor, Oklahoma City, and Diz Etheridge, Dallas.

An initiation of two new members Sunday morning with a dinner following completed the convention. Gordon Hillhouse, engineering sophomore, and president of the local chapter, presided during the ceremony. Frank Heaston, arts and sciences junior and pledge president at the O.U. chapter, was one of the initiates. The other was Miles Fidler, a pledge from the University of Tulsa chapter. Both were chosen for this model initiation because of outstanding qualifications.

Mrs. Kirkland's Poems Published

Sail on the Horizon, a book of poems by Elna Ann Kirkland, '28, of McAlester, is the most recent publication by a former student of Oklahoma University.

Mrs. Kirkland's book, released by the publishers only recently, contains more than 100 poems, most of which are autobiographical in nature. Her various topics range from the thought provoking to delightful rhymes in humorous Negro dialect.

Margaret B. Dickson Jenson, poet laureate of Minnesota, contributed the foreword to Mrs. Kirkland's book. She wrote:

"Elna Kirkland is loved most by those who know her best. She is generous and kind, and has a keen wit and sense of humor. She loves the fine arts and makes a fine art of living. . . . Her poems are autobiographical, and are forthright and authentic human documents. . . . We shall watch her future writing with interest."

Mrs. Kirkland, the wife of D. D. Kirkland, '33m.ed, superintendent of McAlester schools, is social science instructor in that city's junior high school. This is her first book.



ELNA ANN KIRKLAND, '28 . . .
Poetry is Her Hobby.