

Undergraduate Activities

Mom's Day--May 1

The University will be turned over to Mom when she comes to Norman on May 1 to visit her prize contribution—or contributions—to academic life at O.U.

Yes, May 1 will be Mother's Day, and a full program of events already is being prepared to make her 1948 visit to the campus the best yet. She will be feted at her son's or daughter's University home and at a number of other special events on the campus, including the annual All-University-Sing.

Sponsored by the University Mothers' Association, Mother's Day will get underway officially at 9 a.m. with registration of guests in the Union Building. The Association will hold its annual business meeting at 10:30, to be followed by luncheon at 12 o'clock in the Union Ballroom.

At the luncheon, officers for the coming year will be elected, numerous awards will be presented and a proposed scholarship project will be discussed.

New Mothers' Association officers will be chosen to succeed Mrs. N. W. Brillhart (Mildred Colby, '22ba) of Madill, president; Mrs. Virgil Artman, Norman, secretary-treasurer, and the following vice-presidents:

Mrs. David H. Devonald, Chicago, out-of-state vice-president; Mrs. Victor F. Barnett, Tulsa; Mrs. S. F. Ditmars (Jewel Risinger, '19ba), Muskogee; Mrs. John T. Steed (Madeline Colbert, '21ba), Ardmore; Mrs. D. W. Humphreys, Cushing; Mrs. Merle Smith, Guthrie; Mrs. S. L. Wilhite, Anadarko; Mrs. Orval Grimm, Cheyenne, and Mrs. C. O. Brandenburg, Gage.

Awards will be presented to the Mother traveling the longest distance to Norman, and to the Mother having the most children currently enrolled at O.U. Special recognition awards also will be given first and second generation Sooner Mothers.

The scholarship proposal to be discussed at the luncheon session involves the possible presentation of \$100 scholarships by each of the Oklahoma Mothers' Association districts and a like scholarship to be provided by out-of-state Mothers. The scholarships would provide tuition for two semesters at the University for nine deserving students.

Always a highlight on Mother's Day both for the students and their visiting Moms is the All-University Sing. The Sing is sponsored by the Union Activities Board. Bob Lunsford, chairman of the Sing Committee, reports that at least 40 student groups will participate as compared with 28 in 1947.

The Sing contests will begin at 1 p.m., and trophies will be awarded winners in four divisions: Independent Men, Independent Women, Fraternities and Sororities. Triumphant in 1947 were Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Delta tau Delta Fraternity and the Norman Independent Girls.

Following the Sing, Mrs. George L. Cross will be hostess at a tea for all visiting Mothers at the University White House. The tea, to last from 3 until 5:30 o'clock, is sponsored by the University Dames, which consists of Norman Mothers.

Emphasis on Religion

Many of the outstanding religious leaders of the nation participated in University and Norman church activities during Religious Emphasis Week, held at O.U. February 21 through 26.

One of America's foremost advocates of liberal education, Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, and former Texas U. president and gubernatorial candidate in Texas, spoke at numerous sessions. So did Dr. Sherwood Eddy, noted author, lecturer and traveler. Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Rainey also were featured speakers.

Other prominent participants included Rev. DeWitt Baldwin, for many years a missionary in Bur-



Congratulations were in order after the highly successful Matrix Table, sponsored in early March by Theta Sigma Phi, national professional fraternity for women in journalism. Thelma Dickey Randle, Norman, organization president, is pictured shaking hands with guest speaker Morse Salisbury, director of public information for the atomic bomb commission. Pictured left to right are Lela Givvins, '28, Durant; Mrs. Mima Magoffin Smethers, '43ba, former Theta Sig president and now with the Norman Transcript; Mrs. Randle; Mr. Salisbury, and Miss Grace E. Ray, '20ba, '23ba, associate professor of journalism and faculty advisor to the fraternity.

ma and now director of the Lisle fellowship; Dr. Daniel Day Williams, associate professor of Christian theology at Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. Harold B. Ingalls, secretary of the student division of the National Council of YMCA.

Also Dr. W. R. Woolrich, dean of the Texas University School of Engineering; Miss Lucy Randolph Mason, noted author and public relations representative for the CIO; Dr. Raymond Seeger, physics professor at George Washington University; Rabbi Ferdinand Isseman of Temple Israel, St. Louis.

Rev. Lemuel Fenn, First Methodist Church, Tulsa; Edward R. Bartlett, president of the Iliff School of Theology, Denver; Rev. J. Clyde Wheeler, Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Harry C. Gossard, teacher of mathematics and astronomy at O.U. from 1915 to 1919, who is now vice-president of Eastern New Mexico State Teachers College, and Dr. Howard O. Eaton, Chairman of the O.U. department of philosophy, were other participants.

Typical of the seminar subjects were "Religion—Relevant or Obsolete?" "Education and Civil Liberties," "A Pattern for a New World" and "A Program for Economic Justice."

Theta Sigs Hear Atom Expert, Present Achievement Awards

Morse Salisbury, director of public and technical information of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, placed the responsibility of education for peacetime work of the atomic bomb on the young journalists of today in his address at the annual Theta Sigma Phi Matrix Table in March. Salisbury, first male speaker in the 20-year history of the event, spoke to more than 400 prominent state and campus women.

Orientation of the public to the uses of atomic energy for light, heat and propulsion, as well as

for treatment of cancer and goiter, depends on the press, Salisbury pointed out. The extent of public re-education will determine the final use of the atom, he said.

Three annual awards presented by Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalistic fraternity for women, went to Dr. Dora McFarland, '21ma, associate professor of mathematics, as "the faculty woman who has contributed the most to the University during the past year"; Mrs. S. S. Matofsky, president of the state Parent-Teachers Association, as "the state woman prominent in civic leadership," and Ruth Hamrick, senior coed from Seminole, as outstanding in scholarship, activities and service to the University.

Mistress of ceremonies was Thelma Dickey Randle, Norman, journalism senior and organization president. Other Theta Sigma Phi officers are Jane Steinhorst, Pawhuska, vice-president; Nadene Hahn, Tahlequah, treasurer, and Bette Yarger, Madill, secretary. Mary Bullard Gibson, Norman, is alumnae advisor, and Miss Grace E. Ray, '20ba, '23ma, is faculty sponsor.

The predecessor of the present Matrix Table was a Waffleiron dinner, first held in 1928. The present banquet and speech tradition originated in 1935.

In the past years, Theta Sigma Phi award-winners have included, Catherine Holman, '24ba (deceased); Dixie Young, '21ba, '22ma; Mrs. Walter Ferguson (Lucia Loomis, '07); Mrs. George E. Calvert (Maude Richman, '20ms); Mrs. George A. Owl (Della Brunsteter, '19ba); Mrs. Harry B. Wilson (Mildred Maxey, '29ba); Mrs. Boyd L. Gilkey (Jessie Lone Clarkson, '27fa); Alice Lee Marriott, '35ba; Mrs. Virgil A. Shipley (Zannie Mae Manning, '47ba); Mable Marie Morgan, '45he; Mrs. R. B. Holtzendorff (Jane Burton, '32ba); Mrs. Patricia Hodges Nix, '41law; Angie Debo,

'18ba, '33ph.d; Mrs. William C. Johnson (Katharine Abscher, '44ba); Isabel Crim, '46ba; Mrs. H. Tom Kight, Jr., (Thelma Heenan, '31ba); Katharine Rader, '36lib.sci, '40ma; Mrs. Trimble B. Latting (Patience Sewell, '38ba); Mrs. E. Sims Wilson (Eleanor Lain, '40ba); Mrs. Lara Hoggard (Mildred Teeter, '41fa); Helen McClurg, '42ba; Mrs. John B. Wagner (Betty Swidensky, '43fa), and Lucy Tandy, '30ba, '32ma.

Now or Never

With the beginning of each second semester there is one big event that all O.U. males look forward to. It is Now or Never Days, when the fellows get the breaks for a few days and the gals go broke.

Each year Now or Never gains in size and interest, and appropriately enough 1948, a leap year, provided the biggest yet. Features included an all-school show, a treasure hunt and the election of a Man of Distinkshun, all sponsored by the Union Activities Board.

Particularly for the campus men Now or Never is a wonderful tradition. The girls, for a change, take the active roll in dating and, of course, foot the bills. They buy their best boy friends coffee and donuts by the ton in the Union, supply them with cigarets and take them to shows, dinners and dances.

The more elaborate the date, the more successful the men consider it.

More than 2,500 students are known to have taken part in this year's fun.

First of the big Now or Never highlights was the Friday night (February 20) Sooner Scandals, a three-hour variety show consisting of entertainment provided by campus organizations. Delta Delta Delta Sorority and the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity piano duet won trophies in the skit and specialty contests, respectively.

The judges were Earl Willhoite, '40m.ed, choir director at Classen High School, Oklahoma City; Mrs. James Nielsen, of the Oklahoma City University faculty, and Max Scism, speech instructor at Capitol Hill High School.

The following afternoon was Prospectin' afternoon, and teams from organized houses searched for everything from empty bird cages to live mice. The Union, center of activity, echoed more noise



Although the engineers' plots to safeguard Queen Dorothy Duffy, Ponca City, from kidnap-hayyp lawyers were not entirely successful, the men in green still managed to have Miss Duffy crowned at the annual St. Pat's ball in mid-March. More than a "dozen green shirts" were assigned to Miss Duffy during the daylight hours to protect her. Left to right are Dick Brammer, Tulsa; Walter Dobbs, Longview, Texas; Miss Duffy and John Gough, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

than filled California during its famous gold rush a century ago.

Prospectin' winners were Pi Beta Phi Sorority and Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. The judges were Dr. Glenn Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of the University College; Miss Dorothy Truex, counselor of women, and Dr. A. K. Christian, professor of history. Charles Hale, arts and science junior from Moore, directed the Prospectin' and awarded plaques to the winners.

Election of the Man of Distinkshun was the high spot of the Stakers' Stomp, all-school dance held in the Union Ballroom Saturday evening.

The winner, Quinton Peters, journalism senior from Hominy and former editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, was crowned appropriately with a headdress of three feathers and presented a four-roses corsage. He was sponsored by Whitehand Hall.

Runners-up were Bill Parks, physics senior from Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, representing Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and Ernie Jameson, senior engineer from Ardmore, who was Sigma Chi's candidate.

Pat Lance, junior journalist from Oklahoma City and the daughter of Harold Lance, '21, was in charge of overall Now or Never arrangements.

Her assistants included Sudie Grantham, junior fine arts major from Ryan, who was co-director of the Scandals with Hi Roberts Laird, sophomore from El Reno. (Laird displayed the finesse he picked up while performing in Hollywood while acting as the Scandals' master of ceremonies.)

Miss Mary Lou Stubbeman, director of Union Activities at O. U. and sponsor of UAB, was a major factor in making the '48 Now or Never an outstanding success.

Other members of the Now or Never committee were Bill Stapler, Duncan, who directed the Stakers' Stomp; Catherine Stewart, Norman, a fine arts junior and the sister of Mrs. C. E. Woodard (Mary-elyn Stewart, '45bus), who directed the Man of Distinkshun contest; Margaret Whitehurst, Ponca City, promotion chairman; Dorothea Simpson, Tahihina, publicity, and Bill Stapler, Duncan, who directed the Stakers' Stomp, and Hale.



Hi Roberts Laird, master of ceremonies at the Sooner Scandals, presides at the mike while Sudie Grantham (center) presents a loving cup to Doris Hutchinson, president of winning Delta Delta Delta Sorority. At right, Quinton Peters is crowned O.U.'s Man of Distinkshun by Catherine Stewart. Both contests were held during Now or Never Days.

