

Undergraduate Activities

Letzeiser Winners

Annual winners of the Letzeiser awards for 1947-48 were announced during the Career Conference session on the University campus.

This year the medals were presented to the three male winners at a B.M.O.C. (Big Men On Campus) luncheon, which was attended by approximately 82 selected B.M.O.C.s and several special guests. Winners of the three coed medals received their awards at a B.W.O.C. (Big Women On Campus) banquet.

The Letzeiser gold medal award for men went to Bill E. Forney, senior in engineering. He has a 2.5 grade point average and is a member of Sigma Tau, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Engineer's Club and a participant in intramural basketball. He is also treasurer of Pe-et, vice-president of Pi Tau Sigma and vice-president of Tau Beta Pi.

Hunter McMurray, senior in arts and sciences, received the coed's Letzeiser gold medal award. She holds a 2.2 grade average and is also very active in extra curricular affairs. She is a member of Kappa Gamma Epsilon, Panhellenic, Women's Recreational Association executive board, and Orchesis. She is student chairman of Career Conference, manager of intramural sports, president of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and president of the Ducks' Club.

Recipient of the number two award in the coed bracket was Marjorie Sloan, senior in journalism. She received a silver medal. Third place and a bronze medal was presented to Norma Jean Weir, senior in fine arts.

Howard I. Friedman, senior in government, received the second-place silver medal for men, and David A. Rogers, chemical engineering senior, was awarded the bronze medal.

Top Cadets Honored

Sixteen-hundred University R.O.T.C. cadets passed in review before Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce, deputy Army commander of Fourth Army, at the annual Awards Day celebration on the campus drill field, April 27.

Scores of relatives and friends of the cadets flocked out to the drill field to witness the last parade of the school year.

In a colorful ceremonial formation, outstanding cadets marched to the reviewing stands to be presented awards for their accomplishments of the year.

Probably the most coveted drill field award was that given to the Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer. This award was presented to Cadet M/Sgt. Chester N. "Chet" Leonhardt, Oklahoma City sophomore in business management. This is the highest award that can be won by a basic cadet.

Concluding two years in the cadet corps at O.U., "Chet" looks back on five years of military training. When a freshman in high school, his father was in service at Richmond, Virginia, and "Chet" was enrolled in John Marshall High School in that city. It was there he received his first R.O.T.C. training. Then during his sophomore and junior years he was in the corps at Central High School in Detroit. He made the rifle team and advanced to the rank of cadet captain, and was slated for cadet colonel during his senior year, but returned home for his senior year at Central High School in Oklahoma City.

During his first semester at O. U. he jumped to first sergeant. For the next two semesters he continued as first sergeant, but became master sergeant and cadet sergeant major on the cadet colonel's staff during his final semester of basic training.

"Chet" isn't through with cadet training, though. He has been accepted as an advanced student in the University Airforce unit and will resume his study this fall.

Several other cadets received awards along with "Chet." Taking the Outstanding Senior award was James W. Collier, and Outstanding Battalion CO was John H. Klein. Outstanding Battery COs were: first battalion, Joe B. Allen, Jr.; second battalion, Otis J. Doty, and third battalion, Walter J. Miller.

Others receiving awards were: Outstanding Field Artillery Student, Carl R. Patterson; Outstanding Motorized Battery student, Richard H. Polmar; Outstanding Senior Engineer (Ordnance), James O. Melton; Ordnance student, Edward C. Ritchey; Quartermaster senior, Harold M. Shultz, Jr.; Quartermaster junior, Lawrence E. Mullen; Corps of Engineers student, David C. Womble; Airforce senior, John H. Lovelace, and Airforce junior, Dan A. Rogers.

Further awards given to basic cadets were: Best Drilled Freshman, first battalion, T. J. Burden; second battalion, J. B. Reaves, and third battalion, C. A. Hanson. High Rifle Score award for 1947 was presented to A. W. Nunnery, and the same award for 1948 was given to R. A. Meaders. John

Stewart won the Best Rifle Team Shot.

Winning the Hearst Team Trophy were Richard M. Dannenberg III, Chandler J. McCoy, Roy D. Dannenberg, John Stewart and Thomas G. Roberts.

Samuel C. Jack won the Outstanding Bandsman award.

The ceremonial review was the final drill period of the semester. The cadet corps checked in uniforms for the summer, awaiting first drill next fall.

However, many sophomore basic students and 114 seniors were checking in their R.O.T.C. uniforms for the last time. The seniors will receive reserve commissions in late May.

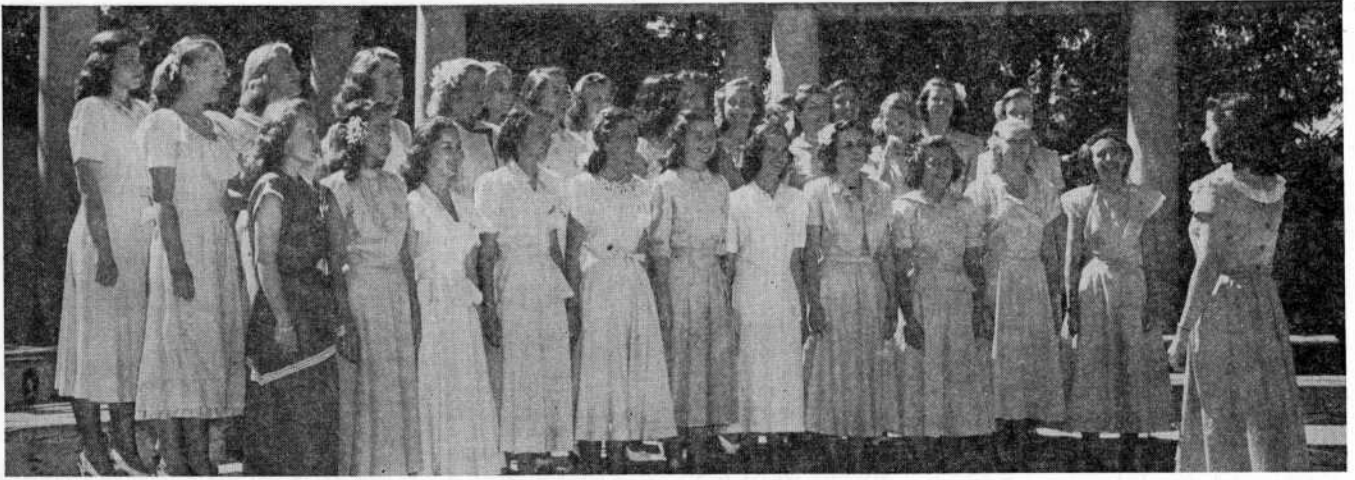
Bales Wins Top Senate Post

Jack Bales, arts and science sophomore from Dewey, was elected president of the Student Senate at the first meeting of the senate-elect. Bob Blackstock, Drumright, was named vice-president.

Other officers selected are Jim Collums, Norman, treasurer; Christie Dougherty Furlow, Norman, re-elected recording secretary; Martin Thames, Henderson, Texas, corresponding secretary; Pauline Cook, Norman, publicity chairman, and Floyd Johnston, Cushing, parliamentarian.



Cadet M/Sgt. Chester N. Leonhardt receives the R.O.T.C. award as Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of 1947-48 from Dr. John C. Hubbard, historian of the Oklahoma Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Smiling Thetas, ably directed by Susan Scallon, Blackwell, were named "tops" for the second consecutive year among sorority choral groups entered in the Sing.



No politicking for these hard-at-work judges at the All-University Sing. Their decisions were positively "it." Comparing notes are, left to right, Warren Angell, dean of the College of Fine Arts at Oklahoma Baptist University; Larry Cotton, '33, concert and radio star, and L. N. Perkins, associate professor in the department of music at Oklahoma A. and M. College.

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Pat Haney directs freshman girls living in the Residential Halls, winners in the independent women's division of the All-University Sing.

Mothers' Day

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At the University Sing, held in the amphitheater, Worcester House, the Residential Halls, Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and Delta Tau Delta Fraternity copped first places in their classifications. It was the Thetas' and Deltas' second year as first-place winners.

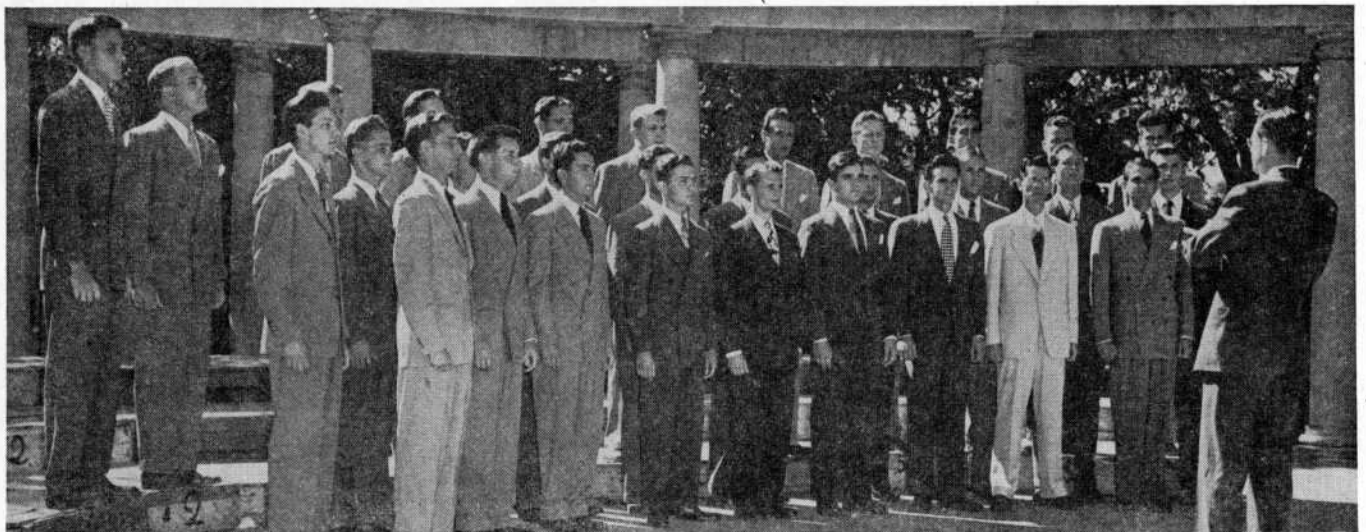
Worcester, representing independent men, was

under the direction of Lyle Smith, Muskogee. Their selections included *Rock of Ages* and *Love's Old Sweet Song*. Residential Hall coeds were named tops among the independent women entrants. Pat Haney, Oklahoma City, led them in *The Green Cathedral* and *Dinah*.

The Delta Tau song leader was Bill Bender, Norman. Winning numbers were *Delta Shelter* and *My Horn Shall Weight a Willow Bough*. The Thetas, directed by Susan Scallon, Blackwell, sang *Theta Lips* and *You Go to My Head*.

Judges for the event were Larry Cotton, '33, concert and radio star; L. N. Perkins, associate professor in the department of music at Oklahoma A. and M. College, and Warren Angell, dean of the college of fine arts at Oklahoma Baptist University.

The mothers also had their chances to "swoon" over a crooner's tune when Cotton appeared at the luncheon Saturday. He sang *Mother of Mine* and other special songs. The program also featured Ken Wright, WKY staff organist, and a welcoming address by President Cross.



Delta Tau Deltas were repeat winners in the fraternity division of the University sing. Song leader Bill Bender, Norman, was the man who directed the Deltas to their second straight title.

Student Scott Sells to Big Slicks

Awards were presented to several women at the luncheon. Mrs. Grant Keener, Rio de Janeiro, who has two sons and two daughters attending the University, was named as coming the longest distance to attend. An award was given to the mother with the most children enrolled—Mrs. D. L. Fitzgerald, Norman, whose three sons, daughter and a daughter-in-law are students.

Mrs. Ira T. Bond (Evelyn Cralle, '25ba), Norman, who has two daughters, a son and a son-in-law attending the University, was given the award for being the University graduate with the most children enrolled.

At the program held Saturday evening in the amphitheater, the winners of the sing again were presented. Entertainment also included solos by Lee Miller, Washington, Oklahoma, and Catherine Stewart, Norman. The Orchestis Dance Club, under the guidance of Miss Helen Gregory, associate professor of physical education, was featured.

Warren G. Morris, El Dorado, Kansas, and Dorothy Gray, Oklahoma City, were co-chairmen of the student Mothers' Day committee. Bob Lunsford, Cleveland, had charge of the arrangements for the Sing.

Working on the Mothers' Day committee were Pat Luster, Norman; Ed Noble, Ardmore; Peggy Porter, Miami; Bob Meaders, Ada, and Dorothy Savage, Hartshorne.

Lunsford's committee consisted of Cal Goode, Mangum; Mary Margaret Reeder, Ardmore; Dorothy Eckhart, Dallas, Texas; Sara Landsaw, Norman; Pete Bascom, Washington, D. C., and Jack Walls, McAlester.

Wendell Cates Heads IFC

Wendell Cates, Law School junior from Atoka, has been elected president of the Inter-Fraternity Council for the coming year.

Cates, a member of the Council during the past year, is past president of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and a member of Scabbard and Blade and the Student Senate. His plans for the Council include better relations among the fraternities.

Other officers will be named at a future date. Jack Biggerstaff, Lexington, freshman in law, is outgoing president.

Seniors Start Memorial Fund

A World War II Memorial Fund plan, which will provide both loan and scholarship funds, has been adopted by the senior class as its gift to the University. The idea, which was accepted by the senior class committee, was proposed by R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, director of the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

To make the fund possible, a cash principle will be raised from the resale of used books. A goal of \$3,000 has been set for this drive. However, contributions from other sources will be solicited.

A majority of the principle will be allocated for the loan fund, which is available to freshmen as well as upperclassmen, and for which no interest will be charged. The remainder of the sum will furnish a scholarship fund principle. The fund will be augmented by donations in future years.

The loan-scholarship idea is dedicated to the O. U. veterans of World War II. The book drive was launched in April.

Other suggestions received by the committee ranged from a star-shaped stone base for the north oval flagpole to beds for the library lawn. Other ideas included an art fund, a grand piano for the Union lounge and an electric clock for Owen Field.

COED LAWYER HONORED

Mary Alice Stephenson, Oklahoma City coed at the University of Oklahoma, recently received an honor given to few O.U. women students. She was named a member of the Order of the Coif, national legal scholastic fraternity. The fifth O.U. coed ever to be admitted to membership, Miss Stephenson was one of seven senior law students chosen for the honor from the upper ten per cent of her class. There are now eight women law students among the 550 enrollment in the O.U. Law School.

Another Campbell-Harris professional writing student has hit the jackpot. Rawboned Bill Scott, who lives in a barn a mile north of Norman, last month sold a story to the *Saturday Evening Post*, king of the big slick magazines. The king paid him \$750.

What will he do with all that money? "Boy, I can't remember a time in my life when I didn't need money," he answers. "I had less dollars in my pockets than days left in the month, and I was just fixing to hock my typewriter."

Bill and his wife, Wanita, have converted an old dairy barn into a comfortable home. Bill's hunting rifle hangs over book shelves. Their house has cool concrete floors and is full of a clean outdoor smell.

Besides his writing classes and conferences, Bill is enrolled in commercial art. He drives a jeep to school, and at night after their two little boys are asleep, Bill sets his typewriter on the dining room table and writes his stories.

He worked ten months on the *Post* story. The expensive yarn, "Male Model," is a campus romance between two veterans, an ex-Wave and an ex-sailor.

Big Bill has achieved campus fame as "Steinway Hemingbeck," cartoonist-satirist for the *Covered Wagon*, University humor magazine. He contributes a dozen cartoons and nearly half the stories for each issue of that publication.

Immediately after selling his story to the *Post*, Hill jokingly demanded of *Wagon* editor Tony Hillerman that his pay be raised from one to two free copies of the humor magazine per month. He has drawn over 60 cartoons for this year's *Sooner Yearbook*.

The rugged writer isn't drowning in the *Post* glory, though. "I've done it before, you know," he says. They paid \$400 for "Call Me Doc," a story which he sold during the war. That story was about a young man who sacrificed the study of medicine to volunteer for the glories of the wild blue yonder. Before the *Post* printed that one Uncle Sam stopped accepting Air Force volunteers, which killed the story.

He had attended the University in '40-'41, and fulfilled a writer's dream when the *Post* accepted the second story he ever offered for publication.

At the age of 15 Bill was ice man at Purcell. He

has banged around the country. He spent two years in the CCC. Once he traveled to Florida, "existed for three weeks on watermelons and got dysentery."

"I was also salad boy at Bishop's restaurant for almost a week," he relates. "That led to my becoming a cook in the service." For five years he was a Coast Guard cook and cook.

He has sold non-fiction humor to *This Week*, *Redbook*, *Bluebook*, *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and others. He wants to draw newspaper cartoons and do feature writing. In his spare time he will write fiction.

"We can't very well exist on a *Post* story once every six years," he explains. He hopes eventually to illustrate his own fiction.

IMA Chooses Woodruff

Reflecting a more intense interest in campus politics, the University Independent Men's Association election in April drew more than 1,300 voters to the polls. J. S. "Pete" Woodruff, Birmingham, Alabama, was named president of the campus organization.

Other officials are Louis Awalt, El Paso, Texas, vice-president; Wayne Barrett, Oklahoma City, secretary, and Ross Cummings, Ponca City, treasurer.

The campaign was highlighted by a multitude of handbills and a minimum of mud-slinging. The latter hinged around the age-old feud between lawyers and engineers, with one campaign manager trying to arouse the two camps to battle.

Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity, had charge of the election.

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Bill Scott looks over a manuscript. Younger son Mike sits on Bill's lap, reaching for the typewriter keys to do a little writing on his own. Older son Randy holds the family cat.