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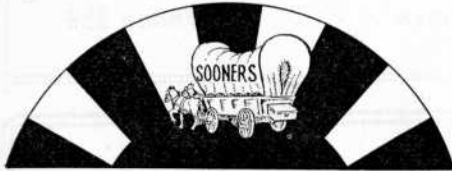
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Learning a few pointers on the fine art of baton twirling is Homer Paine, co-captain and star left tackle of the Sooner football aggregation from Enid. Pert Mary Ann "Johnnie" Johnson, Oklahoma City, is the teacher. Both performers are proving themselves All-Americans.

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## Riding the Sooner Range

BY TED BEARD

This round of galloping has been a *double* "fort-night" on the Range! Via various and sundry modes of coverin' territory (air, land and sea) those multiplied hundreds of ole haunts, life-long friends and associates, have been visited, enjoyed and once again bid adieu with one expressed wish of "let's do this again—time and place (and circumstances) permitting."

The trail for this trek opened early in September in Oklahoma's capital city. There again we were to enjoy visiting with Sooners General BILL KEY (one of our prize and choice O.U. Dads); Colonel BRYAN NOLEN (another of our very choice Sooner "Aggie" friends); Administrator DON "Tiny Tim" NICHOLSON, '18-'23; the one-original-only "classified" O.U. Dad, Colonel GEORGE B. BROWN, dad of Captain GEORGE B. BROWN, JR., '38-'41, now stationed at Fort Sill, and MARY BROWN FITZPATRICK, '44bs, now living in HONOLULU, T. H.; Colonel "BUS" BASS, '28bs, who always expresses a desire to help in keeping the membership of the Association to the "Alumni Peak"; Colonel FRANK CLECKLER, '21ba; Safety Commissioner PAUL REED, '16 (of SULPHUR and OKLAHOMA CITY); "Doc" N. L. GEORGE, '26bs, '31m.ed.—OKLAHOMA CITY and Oklahoma's distinguished male "school marm"; the personality-plus boy DON WRIGHT, '27bs—all these plus dozens of others were enjoyed in social and business sessions in that 72 hours in the Sooner Capital!

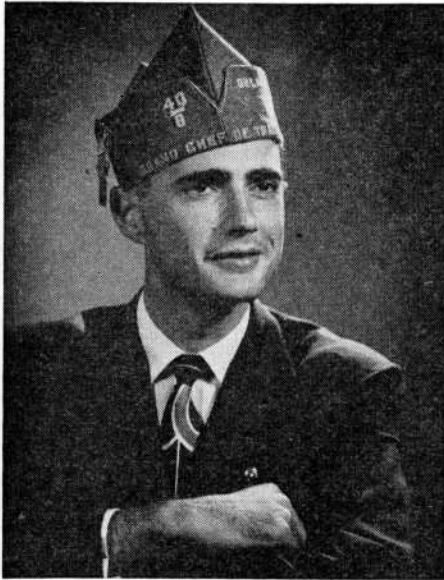
Up the trail PONCA CITY way it's another round of Sooners! The "would-be" fishermen—*natives* "tryin'" to fish in their own home town pond (Lake Ponca)—were enjoyed as they attempted, with their prize "tackle and assorted lures," to coax the *large ones* into their section of CHARLIE'S boat! Yep, they *may be* "specialists with rod and reel" when out-of-village visitors are not along, BUT no weight and length records were established those days by CHARLES HAXEL, '28—former staff member of O.U. (20 years ago); CLYDE POWELL, '46m.ed, former operational manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union and present superintendent of the American Legion Home School; or "Doc" W. A. FRANKLIN, '24bs, '28ms, '34ph.d, former staff officer of O.U., now with the PONCA CITY Public Schools. To each of this "trio", somewhere along the Range trails, it is planned to secure copies of "The Fisherman's Prayer"—finding same, proper autographs plus comments will be listed and said "Prayers" will be duly dispatched to the trio!

Away from the Ponca City Pond and in down-

town Ponca pleasant sessions were in store with a score or more fine O.U. Sooners in their business and professional headquarters. Among the many we were privileged to meet and greet were: Colonel (and Mrs.) BILL COX, '21ba, '24ma, of the Ponca City Military Academy. What a lovely hilltop spot. What a fine institution for 118 outstanding young men! What a lovely and charming Mrs. Cox! *What* the years have done to ole Colonel Bill's receding hairline (waistline O.K.) since he twirled basketball for O.U., after leaving CARMEN-LAVERNE and other Buffalo grass villages in the up-state N.W. Sooner soil! An hour with the O.U. Dad's Association "Prexie" CHARLIE DUFFY, '22Law, was, as always, a pleasure. To once again visit with Alumni Executive Board Member ROY GRANTHAM, '34ba, '34Law, '40m.ed, was, indeed, like "the ole days"—the old days when we were mutually interested in watching (and sponsoring) Public Speaking League activities in all parts of America and watching with great satisfaction the profitable development of young men and women. The old days before Colonel Grantham, not unlike thousands of other Sooner sons (and daughters) was enmeshed in the throes of a World War II, but finding himself enmeshed, serving with distinction and bringing great honor, not only to himself but to his University, his state and the nation. BURNYS THOMPSON, '28ba, was found in his place of business. There again, in the confines of his Ponca City office, we rehashed old days in Jackson County's capital, ALTUS (on the outskirts of America's biggest little city—BLAIR, OKLAHOMA), SNYDER (hometown of Tommy's wife, CLARA WILLIAMS THOMPSON, '22ba)—as well as "re-living" *some* days on O.U.'s campus including many incidents in our Fraternity chapter house. It was most pleasant and a promise was made, "this scene (and session) is to be re-enacted some Saturday night!" May the trail on the Range soon lead toward Tommy and Clara's home!

At the noon day meeting of Ponca's Rotary Club, it was good to see another scad of O.U.-ites (many, many O.U. Dads as well as grads). The "Prexie" CHARLES "CHUCK" CUNNING, '46ma, in his usual efficient manner, was in complete command. It was a privilege to "luck into the Club" on a day when a newly made "Aggie" friend was the speaker, namely, J. WIN PAYNE, Superintendent of City Schools. And did this boy WIN give a convincing 30 minute address! Complete master of his subject matter—one did not have to check a second time to realize *WHY* the public school system of Ponca City ranks in "the big three" bracket!

## Grand Chef de Gare



John G. Sullivan, '48ba, a junior lawyer at the University, has been elected to the post of Grand Chef de Gare of the 40 et 8. This organization is the well-known and much publicized fun and honor society of the American Legion.

Sullivan's election came at the 30th annual state conclave of the Legion held in Muskogee, September 5.

National officials attending the state meet said Sullivan is the youngest Chef de Gare in the United States. He is 24 years old and the first World War II veteran to be elected to the post he now holds. Previously, during the 1948 Legion year, Sullivan served as Grand Chef de Train.

The serious side of the 40 et 8 is well displayed on the University campus. Sullivan operates the Cerebral Palsy Institute at the South Base and currently plans an enlargement from its 16-patient capacity to a hospital which will be able to efficiently handle from 50 to 75.

It's a late afternoon swing out and away from Ponca as the Sooner gang over BARTLESVILLE-way will (come dark and 8 p.m.) be in session! It was (in Bartlesville) that the stage setting made for one of those evenings to be dreamed about! It was "the welcome home (and get goin') home-coming" for a native son—PRESTON MOORE—O.U. senior lawyer and newly elected (some six days before in the MUSKOGEE state conclave) Department Commander of The American Legion. The setting there in Municipal Civic Center Auditorium was ideal. Fine citizens from all sections of N.E. Oklahoma had assembled early to see "their boy"—the first World War II youngster to be placed in command of some 100,000 outstanding veterans of Oklahoma's 77 counties, assume his post of duty and issue his first orders. *What a striking contrast—here this chap Pres coming home to be "toasted" by dozens of men (in many instances) two and a fourth times his senior (many with 30-year Legion service buttons in their coat lapels)—indeed a true example of "the old order changeth"!* What a fine product as a representative of young America—this chap PRES! There he stood beaming a radiant personality. Sure of himself, determined, not overly aggressive, but poised! Indeed, nowhere else but in America could a scene of this type be enacted!

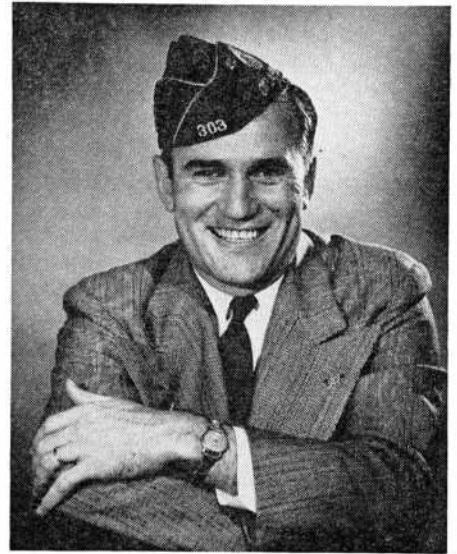
With the echoes of Pres' initial theme song fading into the inner recesses of civic center—the "toasting" began! Sooners began marching in review—and in their trek lay claim to the boy of the hour! E. R. "CHRIS" CHRISTOPHER, '20 pharm; FRANK SMALL, '16ba; (and many other BARTLESVILLE citizens) presented to the young Commander the keys to Bartlesville, the Department of the Legion—indeed, to the state! In addition to "the keys" they laid claim to him as the original native son! The PAWHUSKA delegation, through Sooner JESSE WORTEN, '47Law, and many others including Past Department Commander FRED TILLMAN, countered with the claim that "Remember, Pres Moore is also *part* ours! You recall during the life-time of his father (a distinguished Legionnaire during the teenage years of Pres, then, as a youngster an active participant in the Sons-of-the-Legion) they were residents of our city—the cattle grazin' Capital of the World—PAWHUSKA!"

With claims and counter-claims the battle royal (Bartlesville vs. Pawhuska) was interrupted when NORMAN entered *its claim!!* In essence it was Norman's contention: "We respect and admire the facts established by the home town (or towns) of Commander Pres Moore, BUT, gentlemen, Norman, Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma lay claim to Pres also! It was when thousands of our state sons were returning from the most remote spots throughout the world—returning from combat duty of World War II from such gruesome spots as Iwo Jima, Saipan, and what was left of Tokyo—after they had completed prior service in such hell-holes as the Aleutians—and all the bloody battlefields of the European theatre—that Pres Moore, the soldier and the man, returned (no longer a youth) to your University campus. There, along with 7,400 other young veterans, University Post 303 of the American Legion was organized and founded. It was Pres Moore, as last season's Post 303 Commander, who led his men to new and unsurpassed heights. It was Commander Pres who, as the spearhead of the first American Legion Post established on any University or College campus in America for vets of World War II, brought international recognition, for his University and the Legion. So—gentlemen, if we may, kindly allow us the privilege of laying claim to some of the 'gilt edge securities' in your investment of Pres Moore!!" Thus a new Sooner leader—young Pres Moore—was duly subjected to his orientation, duly lauded, duly crowned—and sent on his way in an important field of service!

The Pres Moore night over in Bartlesville, it's a full morning (come dawn) of work with Superintendent of City Schools, GEORGE M. ROBERTS, '27ba, '28ma, and the old stand-by (still quite young) D. E. "BILL" HODGES, '25ba, '27Law, of the legal department, Phillips Petroleum Company. These business items transacted, it's a 11 a.m. departure for PAWHUSKA and—more Sooners!

In the Osage national capital (Pawhuska), a real out-in-state homecoming was enjoyed. Among those with whom we were privileged to break toast and visit were: DR. ROSCOE WALKER, '09bs, a grand dad of a grand young lawyer son—ROSCOE WALKER, JR., '40ba, '42Law—the very active and energetic "Prexie" of the DENVER, COLORADO, O.U. Alumni Club; FRANK McCOY, the grand O. U. dad of a grand young lawyer son down NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE-way—FRANK McCOY, JR., '35ba; the fine "Beta" friend of GENERAL HAL MULDROW, JR., '28ba (as well as friend to hundreds of other O.U.-ites)—JOHN PEARSON, '29ba, '29Law, and John and wife's

## State Department Commander



Preston J. Moore, '40, now a senior lawyer, was elected state commander of the American Legion at the 30th annual conclave held in Muskogee, September 5. Twenty-nine-year-old Moore, who is a native of Bartlesville, is the first World War II veteran to be elected to a state office in Oklahoma. He is the immediate past commander of Thomas C. Reynold's Post 303 of the University, and his election into the hierarchy of the Legion was notable because he was elected by acclamation.

Moore's election comes after a considerable army career. He enlisted in the army as a private in the infantry in 1941. He served in the Pacific Theater with the 13th Airforce and was released from active duty as a first lieutenant in 1945.

Under his leadership, membership in the University Legion increased from 300 to 1,000, and it is now regarded as one of the top groups in the state.

He is married and has a three-year-old child. The couple have made their home on the South Campus.

(WYNOLA WALKER PEARSON, '29) sons—two in number—one headed East to college BUT the younger headed (by personal choice) to the college soil made productive by Dad and Mother some years ago—the University of Oklahoma! And last but NOT least, a pleasant visit in Pawhuska with another roving Sooner gallopin' out over the Range for the day, HUGH FORD, '41ba, young business man (home town BILLINGS) but with headquarters in the world's oil capital, TULSA!

The Pawhuska luncheon over, KATRINKA—my travelin' companion for *this* trip—Mrs. Ted Baird, (KATHERYN HAXEL BEAIRD, '24), who has, indeed, been the bookin' agent, lady-about-the-house and MY travelin' companion in all walks of life these 27 plus years—admonishes, "We must head Tulsa-ward! Remember, we are to reach there for a long-distance call to SALLY (our teenager) down BRISTOL, VIRGINIA-way when evening rates are on. Besides, if we get her on L.D. even 30 minutes off schedule it will mean possibly two party dresses (in place of one) out of the family budget to take care of the Virginia Intermont, Sullins, and King Colleges tri dinner-dance come Friday night!" So—it's on to Tulsa and business at hand.

It's always pleasant in the oil capital of the world

—always pleasant because O.U. Sooners *make* it that way. A most enjoyable dinner at the home of Colonel THOMAS LLOYD BROWN, '26bs, and Mrs. Brown (MARY HAXEL BROWN, '25-'27) where, after "a bountiful repast" the Colonel and yours truly settled such *world problems* as, "WHAT kind of a poker hand does Russia hold in the Cold War?" "The advantages and disadvantages of teenage youngsters in the small (if any are to be found in this post-war period) college student bodies in relation to the many spots in America where there are teeming thousands on university and college campuses." And last but NOT least, "How's the Sooner state going in the general election come November?"

A business call to the Tulsa office of another "faithful" DOLLIE RADLER HALL, '20ba, '21 ma, was very pleasant. Colonel CLEO C. INGLE, '24ba (the chap originally far from the "short grass" country over POTEAU-way) was found to be *still* the suave business executive and a real Sooner representative on Tulsa's Board of Education. A Mayo noon luncheon with two friends and close associates (of what seems "near a century") JUDGE HARRY L. S. HALLEY, '16ba, '17Law, and the retiring State Commander of the American Legion and staff member of the City of Tulsa legal division, BRAD RISINGER, '23ba, was most helpful in setting the machinery into motion for the annual meeting of the Tulsa County O.U. Alumni Club. An annual meeting to be staged come five nights when BOYD GUNNING, '37ba, '37Law, director of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, and alumni assistant, GEORGE CUMMINGS, '49, are to wing out of O.U.'s Westheimer Airport Tulsa-ward and "give the 1,801 O.U. grads of Tulsa County the works."

Pleasant interruptions came about during the Mayo luncheon when again we were privileged to chat with the distinguished young Federal District Judge ROYCE SAVAGE, '25ba, '27Law. Yes, a young O.U. lawyer who, but a brief few years ago, was a leader on the campus and in the "lingo" of a Pittsburg County (McALESTER) boy often went into detailed explanation upon the arrival of "new student crops", as to SERVICE features to be enjoyed by said students, while under professional training at O.U.! HARRY REVELLE, '24ba, an executive with the LLOYD NOBLE, '21, Drilling Company out of the ARDMORE office, along with several members of his staff, was some "three tables down" and it was like "old days in the early 20's and VIC MONNETT's ('12ba) class in Geology" to extend a "Hi Sooner" to Harry.

The Tulsa session over, it was a drive to the Oklahoma City Municipal Airport to "wing it" West! And upon arrival West (in San Francisco) to enjoy one hour later the special pre-game (Santa Clara-O.U.) San Francisco Club dinner at the Marine Memorial Club with visitors from "all over" including: President GEORGE L. CROSS; LLOYD NOBLE, '21, ARDMORE (and party of 12); "LIFER" DON WALKER, '15ba, TULSA; Mr. and Mrs. DICK DAVIS, '38bus, the now LOS ANGELES "G-Man" but still clinging to his first love, MARIETTA and LOVE COUNTY; EARL WHITFIELD, '25, BURBANK, the big air terminal food executive; Captain (Braniff) and Chief Pilot R. V. CARLETON, '24, DALLAS, TEXAS—and dozens of others.

After that grid-fray there in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium in the bag (OUCH—Santa Clara 20-O.U. 17) it was a hasty United wing 450 miles south—and Los Angeles!

In LOS ANGELES (those Sooners assemble at the drop of a hat) it's another enjoyable hour at the BILTMORE luncheon with the L. A. Club's

officer staff. The new "Prexie" (of 72 hours standing) GLENN WATSON, '39Law, along with the charming Mrs. Watson (wife AND *confidential* secretary) popped the questions for some 90 minutes, fast and furious—"When are you going to send us that gal Alice again! (Dr. ALICE SOWERS, Director of the Family Life Institute). Send her again *soon* and leave her here indefinitely. We want you to tell her that Sooners—500 strong in this World's Paradise—enjoyed her greatly when she visited us a few weeks ago!"

"And, too, Ranger, can you give us BUD WILKINSON again? That boy has it!"

"And, say, get this note on your cuff—we *want* and must have President George Cross in January, 1949! You are the hired hand, Son, deliver for your world leading club, ole L.A.!"

Others in on this series of "Directives" in that Los Angeles food consuming session? Yes, a group who have, down through the years, MADE the Sooner influence in that great metropolitan city felt more keenly than any other alumni group of the hundreds of universities and colleges represented in the citizenship of Southern California, namely, FRED LYMAN TIBBITTS, '16ba, '19ma, and Mrs. Tibbits (LUCILLE BULL TIBBITTS, '24ba); LONNIE VANDERVEER, '39m.ed.; HI ESTES, '40bs; and FLOYD NORRIS, '35Law.

Los Angeles Sooner session over, it's on the "non-stop" flight to DENVER (and more Sooners)—that is, it's on the non-stop after a 45 minute delay due to the pesky fog (YES, California *does* have it) at the Municipal Airport!

It's interesting to meet the DENVER, COLORADO, O.U. Alums on any occasion. This session, however, was different! "Prexie" ROSCOE WALKER, JR., '40ba, '42Law, and his staff officers have the Colorado machinery in high gear. Not only is the Denver Club actively opening with "a first night" early in October, but some half dozen of Sooner couples already have their reservations and detailed plans perfected to return (in caravan fashion) to the 1948 Homecoming doins' (come November 5-6) in Oklahoma City and on O.U. campus. Those details out of the way, it's an early morning trek to Denver's airport, under the supervision of former employee (now Denver University profits by her services) of "Aggie-Sooner" IRENE HUMBLE—and another non-stop to a 7

a.m. Oklahoma City landing. At home again—and good Sooner soil!

Yet, ole 'Fessor GEORGE (GEORGE D. HANN, '36m.ed, ARDMORE); General HAL (HAL MULDRON, JR., '28ba, NORMAN); Union Corporation President "Jack" (A. N. BOATMAN, '14 ba, '16Law, OKMULGEE); Alumni "Prexie" GRADY D. (GRADY D. HARRIS, '18, ALEX); Banker D. H. G. (HORTON GRISSO, '30bs, NORMAN); Ye Ed "The Sarge" MILT (MILT PHILLIPS, '22, SEMINOLE); the Wewoka Judge (HICKS EPTON, '32Law, WEWOKA); Union Board of Managers Chairman Judge L. (JACK LUTTRELL, '38ba, '41Law, NORMAN); the "Printer's Satan" and Ed-in-Chief Mac (Paul McCLUNG, editor, O.U.'s *Oklahoma Daily*); Dean Ed (E. D. MEACHAM, '14ba, chairman, Oklahoma Memorial Union Building Committee); yes, *all* these "bosses" plus other superior officers of "yours truly" on these Alumni Boards and Commissions to be heard from *YET* will give me "fits" for this most interesting 27 days and nights of a delayed vacation! BUT no orders have been disregarded nor have I been *AWOL!* The instructions were: "Get away September 8—get away from the hounding and pounding of the central office and dingling telephones!" I did! Katrinka and I have enjoyed this swing (even though it may have been a semi-postman's holiday). BUT, when one *does* those things that prove to be a pleasure—that's relaxation—AND it's always relaxation while Riding the Sooner Range!!

## Foreign Students Entertain

Entertainment with an international flavor will be available to Oklahomans this year. Foreign students enrolled at the University of Oklahoma are going on the "circuit" of the lecture and entertainment service, says Miss Brunette Shanklin, director.

Upon requests from over the state, the foreign visitors will give programs featuring dances, customs and music of their native countries. In addition, they will be qualified to discuss the industry, social reforms, education and life of their nations before state groups.

Approximately 150 foreign students are enrolled at O.U. the first semester. Last year, 25 nations were represented in the Sooner enrollment.

HOMECOMING—NOVEMBER 6

O.U. vs. Missouri



Barrett

## Celebrity Series Grows

Students have been literally crowding and pushing their way into the line leading up to the Celebrity Series booth in the basement of the Union Building to buy their season tickets to the seven performances.

Clee Fitzgerald, manager of the series and a junior in the law school, announced that by October 1 the series was sold out entirely. The unusual demand has been due to the outstanding list of feature attractions that are scheduled to appear on this year's program.

The series began October 5 with the appearance of Lauritz Melchior, internationally famed tenor of stage, screen and radio. He will be followed by Rise Stevens, soprano, December 2, and Jesus Maria Sanroma, well-known pianist, January 10.

On March 9, students will be entertained by the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Victor Alessandro, founder and director of the orchestra which has been rated one of the top ten in the nation. March 29 will mark the occasion of the appearance of Isaac Stern, violinist. He will be followed by Burl Ives, the amiable ballad singer who has starred in both screen and stage productions.

The Celebrity Series is a non-profit association which purpose is to further the educational opportunities of students. The group responsible for procuring and signing the famous stars consists of many well-known faculty members appointed by President Cross. They are: J. C. Mayfield, '28ba, manager of the University Book Exchange; Rollin D. Vliet, '38Law, associate professor of law; Mildred Andrews, '37fa, assistant professor of music; R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, director of the Extension Division; Spencer Norton, '28ba, professor and chairman of the School of Music, and O. D. Roberts, counselor of men. Sudie Grantham, a student at the University, is assistant to Clee Fitzgerald, and Jack Bales, president of the Student Senate, serves on the faculty committee.

The stars give their performances in Holmberg Hall which has a seating capacity of 1,693. Due to the small auditorium in Holmberg and the high prices required to retain the stars, only one night performances can be scheduled.

## Thousands Saved on Purchases

Surplus government property acquired by the University is being assigned constructive roles in O.U.'s expansion program. From July 1, 1947 to May 1 this year, the University received property having a fair value of \$252,247.14 at a cost of \$11,490.99, officials have announced.

The new equipment will provide a wider range of student training in many fields. Industrial arts, engineering and the physical plant have received most of the equipment.

Engine lathes, milling machines and tools are included among new equipment in use for industrial engineering and arts. An important addition to aeronautical engineering facilities was surplus radar equipment valued at \$250,000 which the University purchased for \$1,000 in 1946. The most recent piece of equipment for the University Health Service is a \$1,500 operating table acquired at a cost of \$12.

The acquisition of the medical supplies resulted in a saving to students. Normally, students entering the infirmary receive drugs, bandages and other items on a cost basis, but surplus supplies are used without charge. Dr. James O. Hood, '29bs, '31med, student health director, points out.

# Negro Admitted to O.U.

Thursday, October 14, may have been just another school day for most of the approximately 12,000 students at O.U., but it was a milestone in the life of one of them. For G. W. McLaurin, 54-year-old retired Negro professor, it was his first day of school at a University that had previously been for whites only.

This date was significant to all of Oklahoma. For the first time in the history of education in the state, a Negro had been admitted to school attendance with whites.

McLaurin was enrolled in school following a special called session of the University Board of Regents Sunday, October 10. At this session, the Regents drafted instructions to President George L. Cross to admit McLaurin to the Graduate School of Education on a segregated basis.

His entry climaxed a fight through the courts on the part of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. The fight in Oklahoma began almost three years ago when Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, a graduate of Langston, Oklahoma's university for Negroes, sued for admission to the O.U. School of Law. She carried her case to the United States Supreme Court. The high court ordered the State of Oklahoma to offer her facilities to study law equal to those offered whites. A law school for Negroes was opened in the State Capitol. However, this school is still unattended. It is contended by her attorneys and some professional men who have examined the Langston School of Law in the Capitol, that it is not equal to the O.U. law school with its many decades of reputation and traditions.

But, back to McLaurin. His case was different in that it was heard before a three-judge federal court in Oklahoma City. This tribunal declared that Oklahoma's 41-year-old segregation law was unconstitutional insofar as it denied McLaurin equal educational opportunities. No facilities for graduate work are available at Langston.

The federal court did not directly order the Regents to admit McLaurin to the University. It did, however, retain jurisdiction in the case and indicated in its ruling that it expected the Regents to admit McLaurin without direct compulsion.

The day before the Regents held their special meeting, an application on McLaurin's behalf was filed in Washington. It was filed with Associate Justice Wiley Rutledge of the United States Supreme Court. This raised a possibility that the high court might order McLaurin's immediate admittance to the University.

Acting upon advice of Attorney General Mac Q. Williamson, the Regents ordered his admittance.

McLaurin was permitted to enroll on the final day of enrollment for the fall semester. He enrolled in 12 hours of work.

When he enrolled he was accompanied to the campus by Mrs. McLaurin; Roscoe Dunjee, state spokesman for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and editor of the *Black Dispatch*, Oklahoma City newspaper, and Amos Hall, attorney in the case.

The day following enrollment, McLaurin reported to his first class. This class, as are all of his classes, was conducted in the southeast basement room of the Education Building. He sat in a little anteroom rather than in the main room with the white students. This complied with the segrega-

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12 part-time student employees make up the staff.

Dr. Hood hopes to further expand his facilities in the near future by starting a dental health program, adding a full time psychiatrist, developing conservation of vision programs, and further developing clinical research.

In summarizing the needs of the health service, Dr. Hood states, "Our greatest handicap is lack of space. Our present building was constructed in 1928 when the enrollment was 4,000 and the number of employees was two doctors and about five aides. No services were offered at that time except hospitalization when sick.

"We need to expand very soon our office and hospital space. I believe that it is necessary for the future to have not less than 100 hospital beds available. Plans are being drafted at present for a proposed expansion."

After all of the progress that has been made and the modern facilities that are now available, Dr. Hood's remarks serve to illustrate why O.U. has one of the best health departments available. This forward looking man has no patience or time to reflect on the changes that have been made. What can be done in the future to bring the students better health facilities is a question Dr. Hood is answering.

## Date Bureau Is Part Of I.M.A. Program

The Independent Men's Association is starting the year off right. Under the leadership of president J. S. "Pete" Woodruff, Birmingham, Alabama, junior lawyer, an interesting and varied program is under way and many big plans in the offing.

A file system is serving a variety of purposes for the I.M.A. How many of you alumni remember the days when you met your own girls and made arrangements for your dates?

Seems as if students of this modern era are a bit more bashful than in days of old. The I.M.A. at a September 23 meeting proposed the organization of a date bureau on the campus.

Ken Lackey, Stuart junior lawyer, social chairman, said tentative plans call for the organization of such a bureau which will make it possible for all men and women interested in securing dates to fill out a questionnaire giving a general description of themselves.

These cards will be filed without the person's name and an aspirant to the charms of feminine pulchritude can come in and select a card that appeals to him. After a prospective date has been selected, her name may be obtained from the office attendant. Then after a phone call, the prospective date may check with the I.M.A. office and get the card of the date-wanter. The probable result—a date!

Other social events that the I.M.A. is sponsor-

ing are "Juke Box Saturday Night" and a tentative big name dance in the spring. As yet, no band has been announced for this dance which will be one of the big campus events. The Saturday night juke box-dances are held at the old Chief Petty Officers' Club on the South Campus. Thirty cents per person is required for admission and the entire school is invited. An innovation that the I.M.A. has incorporated into these dances is a no tag rule. If you want to dance with a girl, you must ask her before the dance begins. During the dance no one is allowed to tag.

Probably one of the biggest things the I.M.A. has done in years will be found in the publication of *Smoke Signal*, a monthly humor magazine with a men's slant. The magazine will appeal to all men and will not be limited to just the I.M.A. members. E. E. "Jake" Hill, editor of the magazine and formerly summer editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, says he intends to include a lot of pictures, good humor, satire, and a few fiction and non-fiction articles with each publication.

Also tentatively scheduled is redistricting the I.M.A. sections of Norman. Unchanged since 1938, some districts now have extra heavy memberships while others need more members. Districts will be sectioned as to the number of members, not the size of the area.

Officers of the I.M.A. besides Woodruff and Lackey include Louis Awalt, El Paso, Texas, business administration sophomore, vice-president; Wayne Barrett, Oklahoma City fine arts junior, secretary; and Ross Cummings, Ponca City business sophomore, treasurer.

## College of Unionology

Although Unionology is not suggested as a major for enterprising students at the University, this year September 17 was designated as enrollment date and nearly half the student body of 12,000 were present.

When the doors of the Union opened for a night of fun, some 50 counselors and advisers, more literally referred to as hosts and hostesses, greeted the freshman class of 1948-49. Guides were provided by the sponsoring body—the Union Activities Board—to acquaint the newcomers with the hub of student activity—the Union Building.

As the new enrollees entered, they were given name cards and programs of the night's activities. Then they attended one or more of the entertaining features presented for their pleasure.

Beginning at 7 p.m. a movie was held in the Woodruff Room, indoor sports were played in the Game Room, and refreshments were available in both the Jug and the cafeteria. At the same time radio station WNAD was holding openhouse and conducting tours of the station. Interviews were broadcast from the lounge.

The newly redecorated ballroom took up its share of the night's frolic when assorted couples tried their terpsichorean abilities.

Mary Lou Stubbeman, '45bus, director of union activities, and Charles Hale, student, chairman of this year's College of Unionology, declared following the four hour plus course that no student had flunked.

Carl Mason Franklin, newly-appointed executive vice-president of the University, began his educational career as a high school teacher in Chehalis, Washington. He later joined the University of Alaska faculty and served there two years as registrar and comptroller.

## Homecoming Dance Slated

Hal McIntyre and his orchestra will play for an American Legion sponsored Homecoming dance following the O.U.-Missouri football game November 6. A block of 500 tickets have been reserved for alumni and friends.

Lasting from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., the dance will be an informal affair at O.U.'s South Campus Fieldhouse. Present plans call for the McIntyre Orchestra to be broadcast for 30 minutes of the time over CBS on a coast-to-coast hook-up.

Tickets are now available at \$3.00 a couple. Checks should be made payable to Thomas C. Reynolds Post 303, Faculty Exchange, Norman. The right to limit ticket quantities is reserved by the Campus American Legion.

## Negro Admitted

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tion requirements made by the Board of Regents. Looking through opened double doors, he had full view of the professor, Frank A. Balyeat, '11ba, 18ma. But for the glare of an occasional flashbulb fired by a photographer who sat in on the meeting, the class was not out of the ordinary. From observing the members of the class, one would never guess that a change had been made. After class, Dr. Balyeat stopped by McLaurin's desk to inquire if he were able to hear and see well. McLaurin assured him he could. Class over, the Negro student returned by bus to his home in Oklahoma City.

About enrollment day, the scholarly McLaurin, who is working on his Doctorate in education, had this to say.

"University officials have been very co-operative. The enrollment has been about the same routine that I expected. This is a happy day in my life. If things continue the way they have gone today, I think everything is going to be all right."

When queried about McLaurin's being segregated at O.U., Attorney Hall answered, "Frankly, we are not concerned about segregation. Working that out is up to the University officials. We are interested in his getting an equal education. McLaurin is here in school. That is our concern."

McLaurin is the father of three children, all of whom have Master's Degrees. One son, Dunbar, has a Ph. D. from the University of Illinois. He is employed in New York City. A daughter, Phyllis, has a Master's from Howard University, Negro university in Washington, D. C. She is a secretary to Dunbar. Another son, Geoffre, has a Master's from the University of Kansas, and has done graduate work at both Colorado and Illinois. Geoffre graduated from the Army military government school at Harvard University, and is now stationed in Manila.

O.U.'s newest student says that "for the time being" he will live in Oklahoma City and commute to school. He is enthused and appears very grateful to the Regents and President Cross for permitting his enrollment. For him it has been a long fight, but he has won his objective—an opportunity for an education in Oklahoma.

Francis R. Cella, director of the University business research bureau, is a member of the Southwest Shippers Association. The group, made up of railroad, truck and water transportation interests, studies southwestern transportation.