

back and legs, had to help them. "I must get water," he related, "or they'll die."

Their burning foreheads and hands inspired him to muster strength, and he began to crawl about hoping against hope to find a ring among the stacks of dead bodies to trade the guards for a can of water. The stiff corpses had no rings. He crawled back. Weldon and Hughes still lived—still groaned. Searching desperately again, he found a dying man with a West Point ring on his hand. "I wanted to choke him, but my fingers wouldn't tighten to their task," he relates. The man did die though and rejoicing Stewart reached for the valuable ring.

The guard brought a rusty tomato can full of water when given the ring. It was now morning and men were beginning to stir. Others had been killed when mobbed for their precious ring-bought water. Stewart must get this back to Weldon and Hughes safely. He did, but upon touching the water to Weldon's lips, the man became crazed in his excitement and spilled the valuable liquid over the filthily hold floor. It was eagerly lapped up, nevertheless, by the swollen tongues of the thirsty.

Stewart's memory is full of similar horrible experiences. He tells with awed reverence, however, of the comfort that Father Cummings gave the boys by his daily evening recitals of the Lord's Prayer. Father Cummings died in Stewart's arms during one of these recitals—his last feeble words being "Give us this day."

These words remain vivid in Stewart's memory as he again recalls the horrifying shudder and the last gasp of the Holy man.

Stewart's first book now titled, *Give Us This Day* is expected off the presses before spring.

"Holywood beat me to that title, so we'll change it," he explained. "But it's still the story of three and one-half prison years during which I watched men starve and die—of weeks and months when I kept repeating day after day, 'Fella, you can live 24 hours more—just 24 hours more.'"

While in Paris, Stewart will finish his second book, *Manila Galleon*, a 17th century story of the Philippines.

Baker, with some success behind him in the field of magazine fiction, expects to finish at the Sorbonne his first thematic novel, now well underway. Its theme is religious; its thought serious.

The three adventurers plan to study such things as philosophy and (of all things) "civilization." "We expect to get a lot of experience there!" they all smiled.

Mills, whose interest lies in the field of international business will study economics, political philosophy, and languages, with a bit of diplomacy thrown in.

Since his return to Watonga, after months of hospitalization, Stewart has answered more than 3,000 letters, giving bits of precious information to wives, sisters, mothers and sweethearts of men who closed their eyes in Pacific prisons. He has contacted every family, except one, concerned in a death pact to "Tell the folks 'goodbye' back home," which he made with 47 other dying men at Moji.

It is this background, and much more that has yet to be told, with which Sid Stewart earned the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal, the Victory Medal, the Combat Medal, and a Purple Heart with two clusters, in addition to the unit citations bestowed on Medical Unit No. 1 of Bataan.

"But this isn't war," said Stewart, lifting his voice above the band music, as the Queen Elizabeth's flags fluttered and her polished rails tossed back the sunlight. "This is today!"

Indeed, the Lord gave Stewart, Mills and Baker *this day*.

## Yearbooks Reveal History

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*Roll Call Editor*

Lined up row on row in a book shelf in the Alumni Office are the yearbooks published at the University of Oklahoma since 1905. The first issue, which was published by the junior class of 1905, was called *The Mistletoe*. Here on its yellowed pages is depicted the history of an era in the life of O.U.

Along the "paths" of the campus the students trudged to class in their long skirts and high-necked collars in 1905. The height of fashion was reached by every young lady when her hair was piled high upon her head and fastened there in a neat roll. It was a "must" for every young man to have his hair parted in the middle and plastered to his head on each side.

The absence of the many trees that now adorn the campus is shown in pictures of the old University buildings. The landscape was barren of any plant beauty and only brush covered the now carefully planted and mowed lawns.

Looking up University boulevard one could see small young trees growing on either side of the concrete sidewalk. But the street was yet unpaved and the grass grew high on either side such as we see now on many rural roads.

The legend goes that Dr. David Ross Boyd, president of the University from 1892 to 1905, was buying water at 15 cents a barrel so that the beautification and landscaping of the campus could be carried on. Dr. Boyd is given credit for the blending hue of color now seen on the campus.

Pictures of the old University Hall, which burned in 1903; the old administration building; the Carnegie Library, which is now the College of Education; the Old Science Hall, and the gymnasium appear on the aged pages of *The Mistletoe*.

The Administration building has more the effect of an old state house. The main entrance to the building was built high above the ground with steep steps leading to the stately pillars of the struc-

ture. To complete the illusion of the dignified state-house, a large dome, which could be seen from a distance, was perched on top.

In 1905, such men as W. C. Washburn, instructor in pharmacy; J. W. Sturgis, instructor in Latin and Greek; E. T. Bynum, professor of modern languages; F. E. Knowels, instructor in mathematics; R. P. Stoops, '98ba, instructor of bacteriology; J. S. Buchanan, professor of history; R. Gittinger, '02ba, instructor in history and civics, and Edwin DeBarr, professor of chemistry, were members of the University faculty.

On the rolls of the honored members of the senior class of 1905 one may find the names of two young ladies. They are Rosalind C. Catlett, '05ba, and Maud A. Ambrister, '05ba. The young men in the class were Chester A. Reeds, '05bs; Charles A. Long, '05bs; Oscar Ingold, '05ba; Ellis Edwards, '05bs; Harry B. Tosh, '05bs, and Clarence Reeds, '05ba.

Rivalry between the four classes at the University in 1905 was at a high pitch. Evidence of this is shown in the class yells claimed by each. "He, Ho, Hive!, Let Her Drive!, Senior!, Senior!, 1905!" "Booma, Licka! Booma, Licka!, Booma, Licka, Lix!, Junior! Junior!, 1906!"

The class of 1907 was proud of "Whang! Bang! Boomer-rang! Hullabaloo, Baleven, Sophomore! Sophomore! 1907!" The freshman class, or the class of 1908 as they were known, was not to be outdone. "Freshman! Rah, Rah! Freshman! Rah! Rah!, Whoo Rah! Who Rah!, Freshman, Rah, Rah!"

In 1905 the University of Oklahoma claimed the distinction of being the only state University to which Mr. Carnegie had given a library. Through the solicitations of Dr. Boyd a sum of \$30,000 was secured with which the building was erected. Since then a new library building has been constructed and the Carnegie Library now houses the College of Education.

The University Glee Club of 12 men are posed in a stiff portrait of dignified elegance most becoming to men of talent. The members were selected by a process of elimination from more than 25 men who presented themselves for the first rehearsals. Frederick Holmberg, for whom Holmberg Hall was named, was director of the Glee Club and also of the University Orchestra.

1905 was the first year that the University could boast of having a band. It was organized in September of that year and appeared at the football games, track meets, baseball games, and "in fact, every place where a great deal of noise adds to the enjoyment of the occasion." The first director of the group was L. L. Curtis, member of the Fine Arts faculty. The band has grown from a membership of 18 to the large group of 140, now known as the "Pride of Oklahoma."

The University of Oklahoma was a bit too young to boast of any affiliation with national fraternities. But it had societies which gave the students whiffs of true fraternity atmosphere. In 1948 there are a total of 23 nationally affiliated social fraternities and 13 social sororities on the campus.

The beginning of organized football at the University was in 1897, but it was not until the game between Fort Worth Christian University and O.U., on Thanksgiving day of 1898 that it became a college game. When we tied Texas and beat Texas A. and M. College, the two best teams in the South, in 1903, we earned the right to the title of Champions of the South. Even then the competition between Texas schools and the University was at a peak.

In the 1904-05 season the mighty men from

Texas showed their strength in the final score of 40 to 10.

John C. Darling, '06ba, '08ms, was the pride of the track team in 1905. He represented the University at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition during the summer and won third place in both the 440 yards and the 220 yards low hurdles.

The spiritual life of the University students was improved and cultivated through the efforts of the Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association. The Y.W.C.A. was first organized in the school year, 1902, and the Y.M.C.A. was organized in 1897. The original members of the Y.M.C.A. consisted of only five men.

Officers of the 1905 Y.M.C.A. were Chester A. Reeds, '05bs, president; Roy Wolfinger, '07ba, '16ma, recording secretary; Jay T. Conway, '06ba, '06ma, vice-president; Roy C. Smith, '07, treasurer; W. A. Fuqua, '06Ph.C, corresponding secretary.

The first volume of *The Umpire*, first student newspaper, was issued at Christmas-time, 1897. The first editor-in-chief of the publication was probably J. D. Lydick, '98. He was assisted by such ambitious journalists as Mattie Kirtly, Maud Rule Robert, J. A. Overstreet, G. A. Bucklin, '03ba, N. E. Butcher, C. C. Roberts, '01ba, C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, and Roscoe Helvie, '99ba. Chester Reeds, '05bs, was editor of the paper during the school years of 1904-05.

"The Committee of the Faculty announces the following courses in destruction for the ensuing year: Buchanan's Before Christ Beliefs of By-Gone Ages, Cole's Concentrated Conscience Concept, DeBarr's Doubtful Dare, Elder's Everlasting Epsilon, Ferguson's Furious Flashes, Gittinger's Good Grade Graft, Holmberg's Horrible Howlers, Major's Marvelous Mechanical Monstrosities, Paxton's Perennial Puns, Registrar's Regular Red Tape Routine and Washburn's Wild-West War-Whoops." Even then, in typical college style, professors and classes were the point of many jokes.

Thanks to the labor and efforts of *The Mistletoe* staff in 1905, this annual yearbook, now called *The Sooner*, has become a tradition and has become a sacred part of each school year and each student's campus life. The 1905 *Mistletoe* staff included J. T. Conway, '06ba, '06ma, editor-in-chief; Tom B. Matthews, '06ba, manager; Ella R. Thomas, '06ba, literary editor; Adelaide Loomis, '06ba, '10ma, art editor; Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, athletic editor; H. A. Everest, '06bs, humor editor; Loula Edler, '06ba, '15ma, alumni editor, and John C. Darling, '06ba, '08ms, society editor.

The first volume of the yearbook was dedicated to Dr. David Ross Boyd, president of the University from 1892 to 1908. Dr. Boyd died in November, 1936. In recognition of his accomplishments for the University the David Ross Boyd professorships were established in 1945. Eight of the present faculty members have received this distinction for outstanding work at O.U. They are: Dr. John B. Cheadle, professor of law; Dr. Victor H. Kulp, professor of law; Dr. John F. Bender, professor of education; F. G. Tappan, professor of electrical engineering; Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, professor of history; H. H. Herbert, professor of journalism; Dr. Roy T. House, professor of modern languages, and Dr. A. O. Weese, professor of zoology.

▶ James G. Harlow, '31ba, '33ms, director of the High School Science Service, attended a joint meeting of the National Science Teachers Association in Washington, D. C., December 26-31.

▶ Oliver Benson, '32ba, '33ma, chairman of the government department, attended the Annual convention of the American Political Science Association in Chicago December 27-31.



CECIL HUNT, '26LAW

## Hunt Is Counsellor

Cecil Hunt, '26Law, prominent Tulsa and Oklahoma Attorney, is now serving as General Counsel of Stanolind Pipe Line Company with headquarters in Tulsa.

The 45-year-old Hunt was born at Wagoner, graduated from Tulsa Central High School, and attended George Washington University, Washington, D. C., a year before enrolling at Oklahoma University.

Immediately following completion of his LL.B. work at O.U., he served as special assistant state attorney general of Oklahoma a year, then entered general law practice with his father, the late Judge W. T. Hunt.

In 1929, Hunt left Tulsa to become a member of Phillips Petroleum Company's legal department at Bartlesville. He was transferred to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1931 as Division Chief Attorney, and in 1937 was elected a Vice President of Phillips Pipe Line Company.

While located in St. Louis, the new Stanolind Pipe Line Company General Counsel served several years as Vice Chairman of the American Petroleum Industries Committee for Missouri.

In 1944 Hunt returned to Phillips' general office in Bartlesville, and resigned his position with that Company April 1 of this year. He had been connected with Stanolind Oil and Gas Company's legal department until his appointment to the pipe line company position last October.

In his new position, Hunt is in charge of legal matters for the largest trunk pipe line system in the world. Stanolind Pipe Line Company's system is in ten states—New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

He is a member of the American, Oklahoma, and Tulsa County Bar Associations, and of Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have two sons, Austin, who is a first-year student at Washington and Lee University, and David, a ninth-grade pupil at Horace Mann Junior High School.

## North Campus Grows

When you've got growing pains, you've just got to grow. That's all there is to it.

That's all there has been to it, too. The University of Oklahoma's North Base changed to the North Campus. And what a change that one little word "Campus" inaugurated.

Big? Why it is absolutely stupendous! Yes, and it contains everything from whirling propellers to crying babies.

The 1,650 acres embodied by the North Campus includes Max Westheimer flying field, the largest university-operated airport in the country, and 265 family dwelling units housing some 700 students, wives and children.

A total of 22 schools, departments and services are housed on this rapidly growing addition to the University, which is approximately four times the size of the main campus.

Among the many units "growing" on the North Campus are the extension division with its 12 services, the department of aeronautics, the schools of architecture, architectural engineering, aeronautical engineering, biological survey, laboratory schools, guidance service and the state headquarters of the Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers which has a present membership of 87,720, and hopes to grow to 100,000 this year.

The Naval Air Station was converted to its educational role in May, 1946, after approximately four years operation by the Navy. The University began using its facilities on a revocable permit, but the War Assets Administration soon delivered a deed to O.U. for all the land and many of the 98 buildings, with the exception of two small tracts used by the naval reserve.

The biggest single unit acquired was, of course, Max Westheimer field. Its 260 acres of flat Oklahoma plain includes one 5,800-foot and three 5,000-foot runways which criss-cross the field.

Last spring the University trained 180 private pilots and 11 flight instructors. During the war years the station graduated 6,461 cadets and 2,500 others received instruction.

Military spirits still linger around the field, however. They come to life everytime the 185th air national guard squadron or the light aviation section of the 45th division spin their props. The University assists both these groups by operating the field control tower from 8 a.m. until sunset.

Joe Coulter, '40ba, chairman of the department of aeronautics and field manager is keeping pace with the expansion program too. "This year we plan to add new courses in instrument flying, radio procedure and central tower operation," he recently said.

With the University pressed for more housing, classroom, laboratory and office space, the North Campus has helped greatly in relieving problems connected with a record student body that currently totals over 12,000 resident students.

The school of architecture definitely has found a new home on the North Campus. Plenty of space has been provided and, as a result, the school has increased its enrolment of major students to 350, with a faculty of 11 for both architecture and architectural engineering. The fame of the O.U. architectural school is measured by the fact that students represent nearly every state in the union and seven foreign countries.

A total of 74 courses were taught last year by the department of short courses and conferences under the direction of John B. Freeman, '42bs. Improved housing accommodations at the base were shown to last year's 19,572 visitors who attended