

Proud Children

Honor Fathers

University of Oklahoma students took time out Saturday, October 15, to honor the men who foot the bills for the college education—their dads.

About 1,200 of these stalwart warriors of the bankbook combined with the knights and princesses of the textbook to watch a few "bills" get footed—this time it was the bills of the Kansas Jayhawkers.

Over 900 of the fathers arrived early enough on the campus to register and see a movie of the Dallas game. The movie, which was held in Holmberg hall, was followed immediately by a business meeting of the Dads' Association.

Grady Harris, '18, Alex, former president of the University of Oklahoma Association and past vice-president of District 6 of the Dads' Association was elected president. He succeeds George D. Hann, '36m.ed, Ardmore superintendent of schools. R. W. Hutto, '10ba, Norman, was re-elected treasurer and Emil Kraettli, '18, Norman, long-time University secretary was renamed secretary of the organization.

The largest crowd in the history of the 24-year-old affair—900—registered to take part in the official business. Several hundred more were on the campus but sons and daughters kept them too busy to register.

Preceding the business meeting, the fathers were entertained by Miss Julia L. Herrmann, '44bm, instructor in piano and harp, who played many selections including "Autumn" on her shining gold harp.

Following this Hann introduced President Cross who began by welcoming the Dads to the University and telling them that he hoped all of them would be around to see the Sooners "pluck a few



1. Oldest Dad was J. W. Cole of Hollis. Cole is 76 and Emil R. Kraettli, is seen seconds after handing his O.U. Eversharp award.

2. W. P. Wettengel, '21-'25, Carmel, California, came the longest distance for Dads' Day and the Sooner photographer caught him on his way back.

3. Putting his pencil-award away is W. M. Trotter, Guymon, who won the distinction of the dad coming the longest distance within the State of Oklahoma for Dads' Day.

4. Emil R. Kraettli, congratulates Emil Chapel who was the youngest dad present. Chapel is 36.

5. Laurence S. Cannon, Ponca City, shared honors with W. P. Wettengel, Carmel, California, as the dad who had come the greatest distance to be on hand for Dads' Day. Cannon flew to Norman from San Francisco.

6. He's the proud Pop of the most sons attending the University. William L. Bauer, Norman, has four sons on the campus at the present time.

7. Above are the Dads having the most sons and daughters attending the University. They are: Beatty Cable, Oklahoma City; H. B. Flippen, El Reno; and Jack Thornton, Blanchard. All three men had two sons and one daughter.

8. C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, the first O.U. quarterback and T. Howard McCaslin, '16ba, another famous Sooner gridironer, are seen chatting with Emil Kraettli after the Dads met in Holmberg Hall for their 24th annual get-together.



feathers from Kansas Jayhawks in the afternoon."

Speaking for approximately 10 minutes, Cross told the fathers that "The University shares with parents the deep interest in their children." He pointed out that O.U. was nineteenth in size out of 1,706 colleges and universities in the nation; he called attention to the four new deans of the University and their national reputations, to the new women's housing units, to the international fame of the University Press and to the 2,752 degrees that were granted both to the June and summer graduating classes—the largest in the history of Oklahoma education.

Speaking of the progress made during the past year, he pointed with pride to the advance made in acquiring a full-time director of the Research Institute, Dr. Cross also assured the fathers that the faculty of the University is "enthusiastic and untiring in helping their sons and daughters to learn to think for themselves."

Looking to the early 1960's, Cross pointed out that since the birthrate has increased from 17.9 to 27.9 per thousand since 1940, that the University can easily expect an enrolment of 15,000 students by 1960. In illustrating the needs such an increase will require, he pointed out that \$15 million has been spent for "non-academic" buildings (these funds acquired from bond issues) and two and one-fourth million for classrooms and laboratories, acquired from state funds. Dr. Cross also stated he was very highly pleased with the passage September 27 of the bond issue.

Justifying the expenditures, Cross told the assembled dads that the money bought buildings which are "the architect of our purposes—i.e., to build citizens who know what a good life is, who have knowledge, skills and the ability to evaluate."

Following the President's address, Hann introduced Pat Stath, a 21-year-old journalism senior, Oklahoma City, and Harold Coulter, Houston, Texas, as the Dad's Day winners of the best all-around man and woman on the campus awards.

Miss Stath has a grade point average of 2.7 and is a member of Delta Delta Delta social sorority which she has served as vice-president, treasurer and scholarship chairman.

A graduate of Classen highschool in Oklahoma City, she has served as society editor of the *Oklahoma Daily* and editor of the *Covered Wagon*. She is also a member of Theta Sigma Phi, women's honorary journalism fraternity. In all she belongs to 22 extracurricular activities.

Coulter, a 23-year-old engineering senior has a grade point average of 2.63 and has served as president of his fraternity, Delta Chi, the society of Engineering Physicists and Sigma Pi Sigma.

The fathers presented a few awards to themselves too.

Emil Chapel, 36, Oklahoma City, won the prize for being the youngest dad present; J. W. Cole, 76, Hollis, was honored for being the oldest. Dads having the most daughters at O.U. (two each) were William T. Lester, '45journ, and A. L. Clough, both of Norman; Art Meyer, '21geol, Shawnee, and W. F. Busslis, Hennessey.

The dad having the most sons was William Bauer, Norman. Bauer has four sons attending the University.

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W. P. Wettengel, '21-'25, Carmel, California and L. S. Cannon, Ponca City, who flew from San Francisco to Norman for Dads' Day, were honored for coming the longest distance to attend.

The dad coming the greatest distance in Oklahoma was W. M. Trotter, Guymon. Alpha Chi

Omega, social sorority, had the most dads on the campus with a total of 51.

A report on the activities of the association during the past year revealed that 20 fifty dollar scholarships were awarded by the group. Dr. W. E. Grisso, '28-'32, Seminole, donated another \$50 to bring the total to 21.

The scholarships provided by the Dads are one of their main activities. With 900 paying the registration fee of \$1 this year, (\$10 for life membership) the association hopes to help many more students make the grade. The scholarships are administered by Dr. Cross, the president of the Dads' Association and the counselors of men and women and their decision is based on scholarship of the individual and his need for the grant.

The resolutions committee presented several resolutions which were immediately adopted. Among them was the pledge of the assistance of the association to the University of Oklahoma Foundation to obtain funds for the building of a Memorial Chapel in honor of the 500 alumni who died in World War II. The Dads joined the mothers in helping to construct a home economics building and they also urged the state regents to grant funds so that all classes can be held on the main campus of the University.

The group also acted unanimously on passing resolutions of sympathy to the families of Earl Pruet, '27ba, vice-president of the fifth district of the association, and Judge Bert B. Barefoot, both men having died within the past year.

A motion was made and passed to set up a committee to represent the Dads' living outside of the State of Oklahoma and vice-presidents were elected from each of the eight congressional districts to assist the president in organization and in getting out announcements. They are:

District 1—George M. Reeves, Vinita; W. H. Daughterty, Bartlesville, and E. F. Bright, Tulsa.

District 2—Holmes C. Moody, Muskogee; Dr. G. Y. McKinney, Henryetta, and Dave M. Logan, '16ba, Okmulgee.

District 3—Dr. J. O. Asher, '39bs, '41med, Ardmore; S. M. Puryear, McAlester, and G. M. Waldrip, Healdton.

District 4—Bob Howell, '26ba, '28Law, Holdenville; F. Fitch, Wetumka, and B. E. Himes, Seminole.

District 5—Ted Elliot and George Anderson, both of Oklahoma City, and Ted Wiedman, Norman.

District 6—Harry Garrett, '16ba, Concho; T. H. McCasland, Duncan, and H. L. Boehm, Watonga.

District 7—Cecil Chamberlain, Frederick; Will C. Jones, Mangum, and Blair Thorp, '21ba, Altus.

District 8—Gray McBride, Ponca City; Dr. D. R. Mathews, Tonkawa, and John Edgar, Perry.

Carl B. Cass, professor of Drama, will be in Chicago, Illinois, to attend the national convention of American Education Theatre Association December 26-31.



Student winners of the coveted William G. Schmidt scholarship in voice are Bill Stockton, Chickasha; Mrs. Virginia Carter Kovenal, Norman; Barbara Moyer, Oklahoma City, and Elsie Porter, Spearman, Texas.

Four Voice Scholarships Awarded

Four William G. Schmidt scholarships in voice were awarded recently, it was announced by Professor Spencer Norton, '28ba, director of the University school of music.

The students receiving this honor are Mrs. Virginia Carter Kovenal, Norman; Elsie Porter, Spear-

man, Texas; Bill Stockton, Chickasha, and Barbara Moyer, Oklahoma City.

The William G. Schmidt scholarships are awarded annually in memory of the former University professor. The scholarships, valued at \$100 each, are provided by a former student of Professor Schmidt who desires to provide these scholarships anonymously.