

As to Most Things

Legion Post Closes Shop

Rather than die a slow death from lack of need, American Legion Post 303 retired last month with its laurels intact.

Thomas C. Reynolds Post 303, Department of Oklahoma, American Legion, after five years of active service on the University of Oklahoma campus dissolved at the end of the first semester of this year. This dissolution was necessary because the majority of war veteran students had graduated and a campus Legion post was no longer possible nor necessary.

During its five years of existence on the Oklahoma campus the Post contributed much to student activities and to the welfare of student veterans as well as leaving its mark on Legion affairs in Oklahoma. It furnished one Department Commander, Preston J. Moore, '48, Stillwater, and one Grand Chef de Guerre of the 40 et 8, John Sullivan, '48ba, Norman. Its most recent service was its rehabilitation service to veteran victims of the disastrous dormitory fire at O.U.

Many University officials, faculty members and Oklahoma legionnaires praised the work of Post 303 for its contributions to University life and Legion affairs during its existence.

In commenting upon the Post leaving the campus, Dr. George L. Cross, University President, said: "While naturally I received the news of Post 303's dissolving with a great deal of regret I can appreciate the Post's desire and commend its wisdom in disbanding while it is still in a very strong and respected position. My relations with the campus Post have been most pleasant. I have had the highest regard for the various commanders and other officials of the organization and there is no question but that the Post has, at all times, attracted the very best student leadership on the campus.

"Furthermore, your group has been a steadfast influence for good on the campus and, at all times, has taken a careful and constructive position in regard to the many problems that have come up since the close of the war."

Elmer L. Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, Oklahoma City, Department Adjutant, Department of Oklahoma, in a letter to the Post members, stated:

"May I say that Department Headquarters deeply appreciates the outstanding work that has been done by Post 303 since it was chartered. The work that you men did at the University of Oklahoma and in the Department will always be remembered. In fact, I think that your Post was the outstanding campus Legion Post in the nation. From the training and inspiration that O.U. veterans received in Post 303, great good will emanate to the Legion throughout the Oklahoma Department. As the young men from 303 become members of the various Posts throughout the state, they will take with them the Legion know-how and Sooner inspiration."

Dr. H. V. Thornton, professor of government, and beloved director of Oklahoma Boys' State, in a letter to the post, expressed his regrets at the passing of Post 303, saying:

"While I recognize the wisdom, I lament the necessity that obliges the Campus Legion Post to disband. Since I received your letter dated January 9, I have often thought of the eminently useful purposes this organization has served in the



When the American Legion Post 303 quit the campus they left behind many deeds which will be remembered. The group above are pictured as they meet to help victims of the BOQ fire.

post-war period. Its contributions to student life have been outstanding, and I firmly believe it has done much to stabilize the student body in the course of its rather brief existence. It has afforded opportunity for the development of some outstanding leaders who, I am sure, will make great contributions to the state of Oklahoma in the future.

"Personally, I shall always be grateful to the organization for the numerous occasions on which it has been of great service to me, particularly with respect to the Boys' State program. While I am deeply thankful for your expression of appreciation for the help which I may have contributed to the program of the Campus Legion, I feel that I have received more assistance than I have given. Therefore, accept my sincere appreciation for the work of the Legion on the campus and to the many fine young men whom I have met through its operation."

Dr. Fayette Copeland, '19ba, Director of the O.U. School of Journalism and one of the founding fathers of the Post, expressed his sentiments in a letter to Lyle R. Griffis, Post Commander, saying:

"I regret the passing of Post 303. It has made fine contributions to the University, the community, to countless individuals who have received the benefits of its service program and to members who have participated. Yet, I believe your decision to disband in the full vigor of your activities is a wise one.

"It was my privilege to have a small part in the organization of the Post. As counselor of men

from 1941 through 1945 I handled all veterans affairs on the campus until a separate office of veterans was set up. When a committee of ex-service men came in to discuss formation of a veterans organization, I urged them to form a Legion Post rather than an independent organization; and later interested the local and state Legion officials in backing this as the first post to be organized on a college campus in America. Later, William J. Mellor, '42, Oklahoma City and Leslie H. Rice, associate professor of journalism, returned from service and took up their duties as assistants in my office and became active as advisers of the new post. It was Professor Rice who set up the books for keeping the organization's records.

"Needless to say, I watched the progress of your Post from the very beginning. I am proud of its achievements, and grateful to all who contributed to its success. I hope that your records may be deposited with the University so that the history of your work on the campus will not be lost."

Paul MacMinn, O.U. Dean of Students, stated:

"Your organization has been a very constructive force on the campus and has contributed immeasurably to the objectives of the University." Similar messages of praise and regret were expressed by Walter Kraft, O.U. Physical Plant Director, Bud Wilkinson, Athletic Director, Bruce Drake, '29bs, basketball coach, and Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, Dean of University College.

Post 303 is leaving with the University a \$5,000 playground setup for children of students, a well-equipped sewing room and school for student wives, and a large scholarship fund, in addition to many

lesser tangible and intangible evidences of the Post's existence.

A resolution was adopted by the Post asking that the Post number be retired and held for any future Legion Post that may be established on the University campus. Its remaining cash assets will be forwarded to the Legion Home School while its accounts receivable in its Student Loan Fund will go to the University Scholarship Fund.

Dietitians in Demand

At least in one field the demand exceeds the supply.

Dietitians are never in need of a job opening. The American Dietetics Association office continually has more openings than they can fill with

qualified people. At the University the school of home economics received more requests for dietitians than they are able to meet.

Recently a few men have been coming into the field. Women are more fitted to this profession but women have not been entering the profession in sufficient numbers to meet the urgent demand.

Salaries are an added inducement. Alumnae of the University school of home economics receive from \$180 plus most of maintenance per month to \$7,000 per year. There are always high salaried positions for those qualified to fill them.

Positions now being held by former students of the University as dietitians include:

1. Adviser on flour enrichment with the Millers' National Federation, Chicago.
2. Institution consultant with Oklahoma's State

Department of Health, Oklahoma City.

3. Assistant superintendent of Stanford University Hospital, San Francisco.

4. Nutrition Executive, Montefiore Hospital, New York City.

5. Teachers in colleges and universities.

6. In public cafeterias.

7. Captain in dietary service of United States Army.

8. In homes doing a better job as a wife and mother.

Texoma Go-Ahead Given

Oklahomans are going to learn more about their lakes, plant and animal life. Research won't start until next summer, but the University got the final go-ahead sign early this month on its Lake Texoma biological station.

Contract was let for \$71,730 to complete the research building 14 miles south of Madill. An appropriation of \$110,000 by the last legislature provides for construction and equipment needs.

Quarters will be provided for 100 students and a five-man teaching staff, Carl D. Riggs, acting director of the biological survey said. Eight weeks of schooling starts July 1. For example, better utilization of one of Oklahoma's natural resource—rough fish—will be studied. In addition, researchers will dig into the region's biology, entomology, botany and zoology.

Mathematicians' Prof

Oklahoma is known for many colorful personalities, but to mathematicians of the world—Oklahoma is where Dr. Nathan A. Court lives.

The small, bushy-haired University of Oklahoma professor is recognized the world over as an authority in the field of synthetic or pure geometry. "Probably no one in the nation or the world knows as much about this subject as Dr. Court," says his colleague, Dr. C. E. Springer, O.U. mathematics department head.

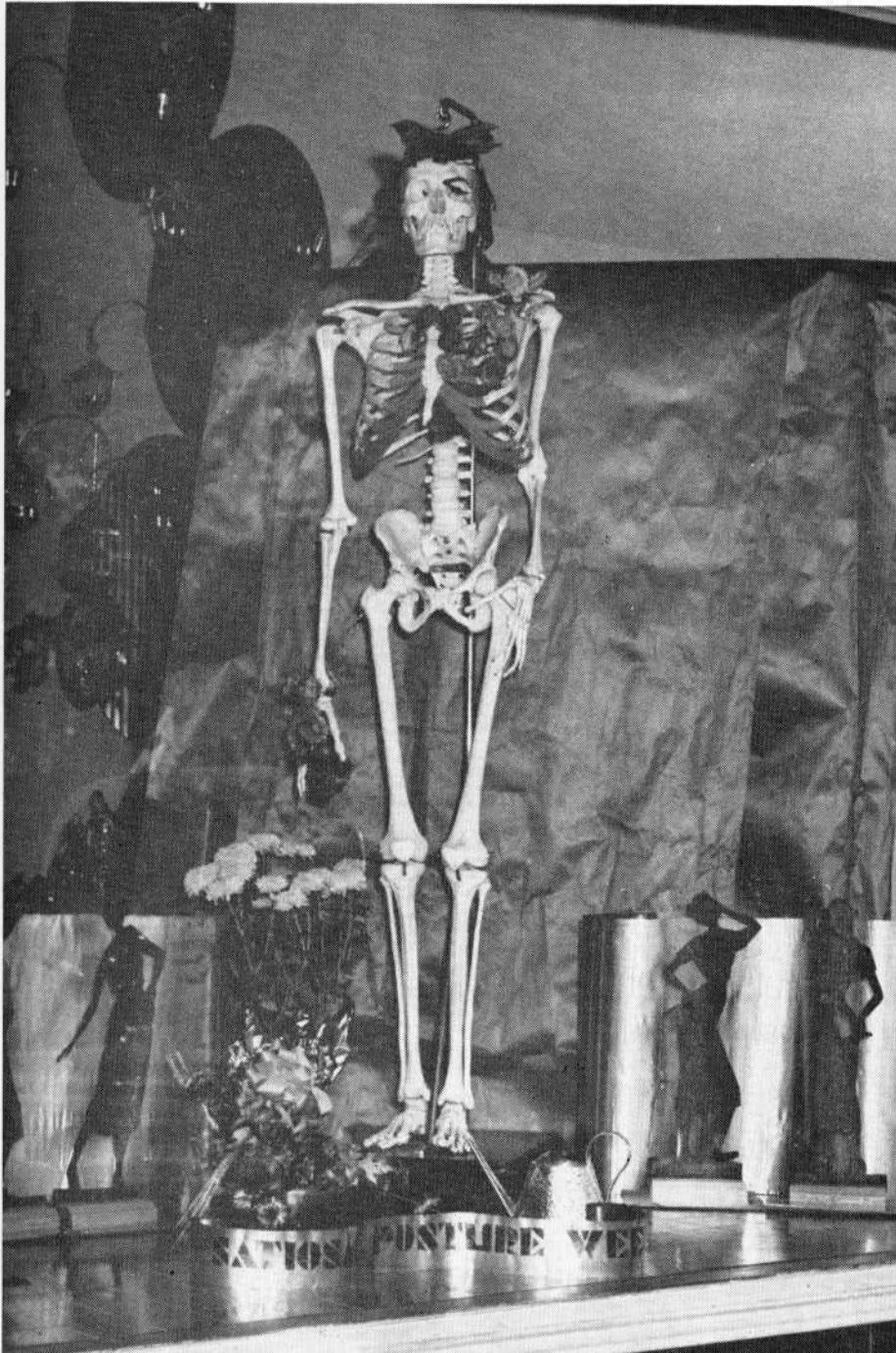
The learned Sooner professor, who bears a remarkable resemblance to Einstein, is also an authority on projective geometry, philosophy on mathematics, mathematics in the history of civilization and as a science. He has taught at O.U. 33 years.

International recognition is due partly to his first book, "College Geometry," published in 1924. Believed to be the first text in continuous use a quarter of a century without revision, Dr. Court says it "suffers from its own virtue." The work was translated into Chinese a few years ago. He has been on the staffs of leading mathematics publications.

A native of Warsaw, Poland, Dr. Court holds two degrees from the University of Ghent, Belgium, and has studied at Columbia University. His knack for combining witticism and mathematics has endeared him to thousands of students since he came to O.U. in 1916.

New Laurels Added

National honors aren't new to Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the University graduate college and internationally known geneticist. But he's particularly proud of his latest one. He has been named president of the American Society of Human Genetics for 1950. He succeeds Dr. H. J. Muller, University of Indiana educator and Nobel prize winner of medicine.



The thin man pictured is not necessarily an alum. It is more likely he is a student. At any rate he reflects student activity in recent weeks. The national posture week, better nutrition week and finally the Ugliest Man on the Campus contest could all use him as a standing example. No one backed Skinny for the UMC contest but the Sooner Magazine thinks he deserves a joint award.