

Sooner Portraits

An Internationally Known Philosopher and an Oklahoma Educator Take Form in Word Profile



EUNICE FOOSHEE, '25BA, '32MA

Proper for a Young Lady

"I had my choice of teaching or staying at home because father thought any other type of employment not proper for a young lady."

That's the reason Miss Eunice Fooshee, '25ba, '32ma, gives for beginning her teaching career in 1903, one year after she had graduated from the Paris, Texas, highschool.

On May 25, organizational and civic leaders of Idabel paid tribute to Miss Fooshee, who has been a school teacher for 47 years. Many of her former students were present in the Idabel school auditorium when she was presented gifts in recognition of her service. Honoring her were Idabel alumni and friends, the chamber of commerce, the First Presbyterian Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, national teachers' sorority, and the Idabel city schools faculty.

The program featured an original song, telling of Miss Fooshee's teaching experiences.

Launching her career behind a teacher's desk at Mound Prairie, Texas, she later taught at Mayes Prairie and Petty, Texas. Coming to Oklahoma in 1912, Miss Fooshee taught at Boswell in 1913-14. And in the fall of 1914 she taught at Chesterfield Courthouse, Virginia. Returning to Oklahoma the same year, she taught in a one-room school at Idabel for one term.

After teaching at Valliant and Herndon, she came to Norman in 1922. She instructed in the

city school system during the day and attended the University at night.

After teaching a term at Tishomingo, she returned to the University in 1925 and completed work on a BA degree in English. She had done her college work the hard way—by attending summer school and by correspondence.

Her degree earned, she returned to Idabel where she has taught ever since.

Not satisfied with a bachelor's degree, she set her cap for a master's degree. Many correspondence courses and summers at the University added up to a MA degree for Miss Fooshee in 1932.

During the Idabel program Miss Fooshee wore an orchid. It had been presented to her by the 1950 chapter of the National Honor Society which she has sponsored in Idabel since 1929.

He Makes People Think

Ever get your tongue twisted so you came out with an outlandish spoonerism? Dr. Gustav Mueller probably could tell you about one that was much worse. A versatile philosopher and journalist, Mueller has made an extensive study of tongue twisters. Dr. Roy T. House, former editor of *Books Abroad*, commented on this unusual study a few years ago in an article titled "Gustav Mueller and the Schuettelreim."

Study of spoonerisms is only one of the many interesting projects undertaken by the O.U. professor of philosophy. Aside from writing 12 books on philosophy, Mueller has authored poetry, criticisms and plays. His accomplishments are even more impressive when one discovers that many of his articles, plays and books have been written and published in German.

Born in Switzerland in 1898, Mueller received a BA degree in Greek and Latin from Gymnasium, Bern, in 1917. An outstanding scholar, he received degrees of MA in German, history, geography and education at the University of Bern in 1920 and PhD in philosophy and history in 1923.

After studying in Heidelberg and London, Mueller came to the United States in 1925 to teach in the University of Oregon. He became a member of the University faculty in 1930, and has held the rank of professor of philosophy since 1940.

A traveler in England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and Italy, Mueller frequently contributes articles on U.S. Education to Swiss and American magazines. His books which have been published in English include *Philosophy of Our Uncertainties*, *What Plato Thinks*, *History of American Philosophy* and *Education Limited*.

In *Education Limited*, which is used as a textbook for Philosophy I at the University, Mueller comes forth with the provocative statement that we are not really interested in education. We are merely interested in professional and business competence, he says. Equally provocative is his asser-



DR. GUSTAV MUELLER

tion that the cost of education in America is out of all proportion to the value received.

When *Education Limited* was issued by the University Press, it drew wide discussion in education circles. He made his readers think.

Most of Mueller's creative literary works have been published in German in Switzerland. In addition to writing poetry, he has penned several plays. In January, 1949, his play *Auf Wiedersehn*, a love story with a railroad station background, was selected for presentation in a series of broadcasts from Switzerland by the National Swiss radio.

Married, Mueller has three children, Jane Brigit, Mereth Ellanor and Thomas Peter.

He seeks relaxation from his schedule of teaching, writing and lecturing by playing chess. Since he was born in Switzerland, he names skiing as his favorite sport. But due to the lack of snow-covered peaks in Oklahoma, he has turned to swimming.

► The bust of Gustav Mueller which appears above was sculptured in clay by Dean West, '50, student in art and philosophy.

About it Mueller commented, "It took shape in the air, and that technique makes it very much alive."

An Open Letter to Ted's Friends

Dear Sooner:

Recently the President of the University of Oklahoma Association appointed the undersigned as a Committee, with directions to select, provide for and dedicate a suitable memorial for our beloved Ted Beaird. After thorough deliberation, your committee has concluded that the memorial most indicative of Ted's personality and most in harmony with his wishes, should have the following characteristics:

- 1) It should serve actively and be a vital part of both Alumni and student affairs;
- 2) It should be financed only by freely made donations, with every Sooner having equal opportunity, but not the slightest pressure, to contribute;
- 3) It should be commenced at once and completed with dispatch;
- 4) It should be sufficiently elastic to employ in a dignified and purposeful manner the funds ultimately available, regardless of amount;
- 5) It should meet with the affirmative approval of his immediate family.

The many splendid suggestions made by you have each been carefully considered and measured by these requirements. On June 4 at a Committee meeting in Norman we finally fell upon one proposal that seemed best to satisfy all the requirements. It is that the main lounge of the enlarged Union Building be designated and dedicated as "THE TED BEAIRD MEMORIAL LOUNGE."

The Union Building was the heart of Ted's activities, his base of operations. The completed structure was his dream and, in large part, his creation. Although the building has long since been irrevocably named, we felt it altogether proper that the heart of the building be dedicated to and named in honor of Ted, a veteran of both World Wars, who put his heart and life into its promotion. The main lounge in the completed building will be much larger than the present one, and will be by far the most used part of the building. It will be the center of both student and alumni activities.

It is contemplated that a life size portrait of Ted, to be painted by a prominent artist from numerous and recent pictures, be a prominent feature of the lounge. By accepting at once this plan, the architect on the new building can, without additional cost, decorate a part of the lounge to harmonize with our purpose. While the lounge will be furnished by the Union Board from Union funds, we will have ample space to exhibit all memorial objects which any person or group may provide. It is hoped it may in time hold many valuable paintings and other works of art and that the memorial may grow with the years.

Katherine and Sally, Ted's wife and daughter, were informed of this plan, and asked us to say they gratefully approve of it.

No goal has been set for the amount to be raised. Each Sooner should decide that for himself. We do hope sincerely that all of Ted's friends, and certainly they are numbered in the thousands, will send at once their contributions directly to the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Norman, Oklahoma, designating them for the Beaird Memorial. Ted believed in prompt and thorough action. Let's emulate and thus honor him by completing this pleasant task immediately!

Sincerely,

NORMAN BRILLHART
GEORGE CROSS
JOE CURTIS
(MRS.) JEWELL DITMARS
E. D. MEACHAM
LEE B. THOMPSON
HICKS EPTON, *Chairman*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nor is the Union Memorial the only tribute to the memory of Ted Beaird. Others include a substantial gift to the Father Flanagan Boys Home at Boys Town, Nebraska; a large contribution to the American Heart Association; a scholarship bearing his name established by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and many book donations to Oklahoma City libraries by the Oklahoma City Rotary—all in his memory.

Dr. Andruss Is Honored

Two student publications of the Pennsylvania Bloomsburg State Teachers College have been dedicated to a Sooner, Dr. Harvey A. Andruss, '24 ba, who is now president of the college.

The two dedications—the 1950 *Obiter* and the *Anniversary Yearbook of the Department of Business Education*—mark the first time in the history of the college that the head of the institution was signally honored by the student body in important student publications.

The Class of 1950 dedicated the thirty-fourth volume of the *Obiter*, the college yearbook, to Dr. Andruss to whom they referred as a great "educator and humanitarian." In part the dedication read . . . "Nurtured by his gentle philosophy, we have become more tolerant in our outlook toward life . . . Inspired by his example, we have learned to be more sympathetic and understanding toward our fellow men . . . Influenced by his judgment, we have grown in stature as useful and productive members of the Democracy in which we live . . ."

The dedication of the yearbook, issued in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Department of Business Education in 1930 by President Andruss, was made because . . . "He epitomizes dynamic leadership and advancement in modern business education on a collegiate level; because he represents the ideals of our organizations: Loyalty, Service, and Progress; and because he embodies the human qualities of friendship, sympathy, and open-mindedness that are inherent in a good citizen and a successful teacher. . . ."

A First for Chaffin

Betty Lou Chaffin, '49ba, will study French literature at the University of Poitiers, France, as the first University student to receive a Fulbright scholarship for study in Europe.

A graduate French major, Betty Lou received her bachelor's degree from the University in June, 1949. The scholarship award was announced June 1 by Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the graduate college.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Gamma Epsilon, honorary modern language fraternity, she is a resident of Oklahoma City.

Blushing and Breezy

A gathering crowd roared as Jess O'Neal, '50bs, walked down Norman's Main street minus his pants.

The blushing Sooner was paying off a bet he'd made with his roommate, John Gray of Charleston, West Virginia. The wager was that if Gray got married first O'Neal would walk down Main street in his shorts.

Both were engaged, but Gray won out when he got his fiancee to agree to June 1 as their wedding date. So at high noon a blushing O'Neal took his breezy stroll.

Who's Who Lists Hoberecht

Earnest Hoberecht, '41ba, United Press chief correspondent and manager for Japan, is listed in the new *Japan Who's Who for 1950-51*.

A former Watonga resident, he was a United Press war correspondent in the Pacific during World War II. Since the end of hostilities he has made his headquarters in Japan and has covered major stories all over the Far East.

Hoberecht is the author of several best selling novels which have appeared in Japanese as well as English. His best known is *Tokyo Romance*.

He currently is president of the Tokyo Correspondents Club, an organization of foreign correspondents residing in Japan.