

A Shadow of Maturity

Higher degrees, new teaching fields and more money are all incentives that help account for the influx of teachers this summer. When enrolment figures were posted, a new record was set for the College of Education.

Aiming at higher degrees, Oklahoma teachers have flooded the Norman campus to sit on the opposite side of the lecture desk during the summer session.

Official enrolment in the College of Education leaped to 1416 when the final count had been made by Admissions and Records. All but 229 of the education students are taking graduate courses. The enrolment figure tops the 1,014 record set last summer. And that figure represented a better than 25 percent increase over the 1948 teacher enrolment for the summer term.

What has caused the upward trend in teacher enrolment? Many of the teachers agree that they have returned to the University because the new state school code makes provisions for a sliding salary scale based on degrees and progress in education. And there are others who are enrolled in the University to take courses which will open up new teaching fields for them or will help them with new jobs they plan to take over next September.

Interviews with student-teachers revealed that most of them are working for higher degrees. But several, like Mrs. W. L. Childs, '27ba, are enrolled as unclassified students. Mrs. Childs is taking journalism courses this summer. She sponsors the Norman highschool yearbook, and believes the training she is getting will help her with future issues of the publication. A teacher in the Norman school for the last eight years, Mrs. Childs specializes in English and speech.

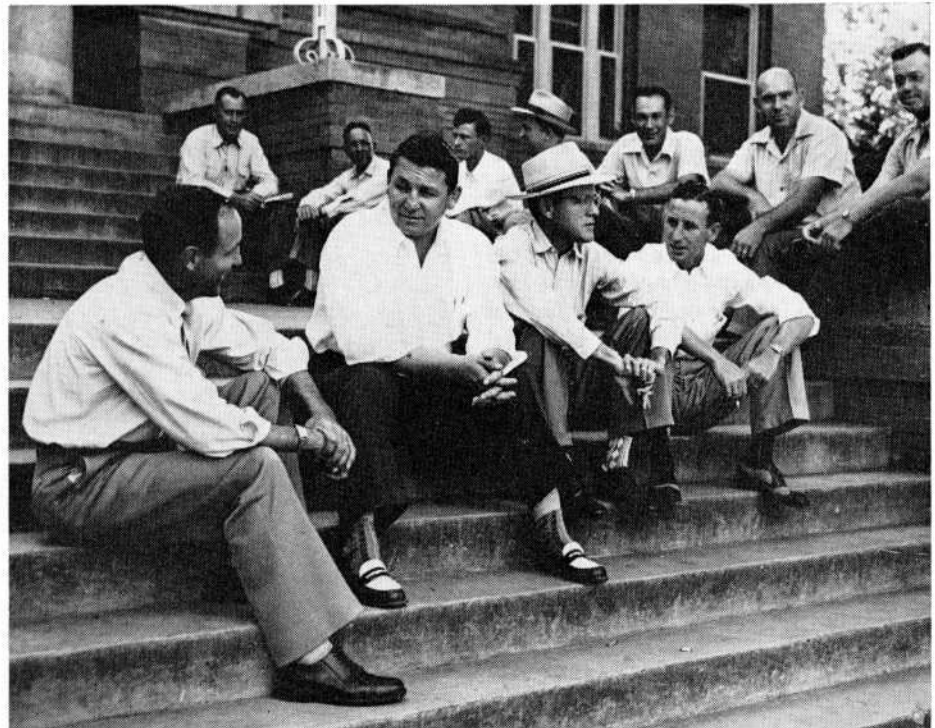
Sam D. Davis, like most men enrolled in the College of Education, is taking courses in administrative work. Assistant principal at Pauls Valley highschool, he attended the summer session last year. Back this summer to take additional courses in the elementary education field, he is working for a master's degree.

Mrs. Betty Bivins, sixth grade teacher at Putnam City school, is completing work on a master's degree in elementary education this summer. A student at O.U. during the 1949 summer term, she will return to Putnam City after she receives the degree in August.

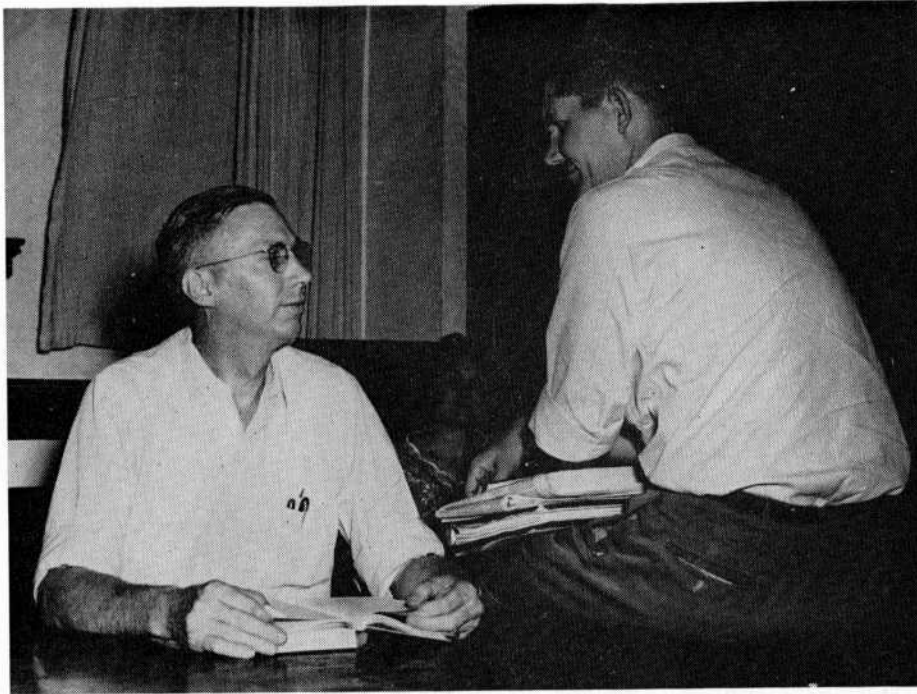
Another Putnam City teacher, Mrs. Eva



Three of the younger set of the summer enrolment in the College of Education get together for a group study session on the North Oval. Left to right, they are Margaret Cox, Griggs; Nita Miller, Lawton; and LaDonna Owens, '49ba, Bethany. Nita is a senior in education, and Margaret and LaDonna are working toward master's degrees in elementary education.



Shaded by sprawling elms, front steps of the Education Building attract large groups of teacher-students. When the Sooner cameraman snapped this picture, the schoolmen seemed to be monopolizing the choice spot.



Indicating that even teachers have to indulge in last-minute cramming, Wayne Phillips and John Bumgarner catch up on their studying in the Union lobby before going to their next class. Bumgarner, '48bs, teaches at Pleasant Grove, and Phillips is high-school principal at Wolf.

Hill, is enrolled in the University for the first time this summer to work toward a master's degree in elementary education. She graduated from Oklahoma College for Women "many years ago," but she thinks the O.U. campus is "just lovely."

John W. Scott is a graduate student in education administration. Superintendent of schools at St. Louis, Oklahoma, he attended last year's summer session. He will return to St. Louis this fall where he teaches high school math in addition to holding down the superintendent's job, but he will be back next summer to finish his degree.

Mrs. Edith Stotts and Mrs. S. S. Stevens, teachers at Pleasant Grove, Oklahoma, consolidated school, are taking graduate courses in secondary education. Mrs. Stotts, a graduate of East Central State Teachers College, teaches home economics, and Mrs. Stevens, who has her degree from Central State Teachers College, teaches biological sciences.

C. C. Ferree, '33ed, '46m.ed, Miami highschool principal, is almost a perennial summer student at the University. When he returned from a wartime tour of duty in the navy, he came to the University to complete a master's degree in education. During the last two summers he has been working toward a doctorate in education.

These and other teachers interviewed revealed that they are spending the summer months at the University for a definite purpose. Their reasons are varied, but the total effect of their work will be reflected in the state's public schools.

The teachers have cast a long shadow of

maturity on the summer campus. But it is not a somber show. Gray—and sometimes bald—heads dot the Union cafeteria when it is filled with coffee drinkers. But they are students, and like all students—they seem to be enjoying life while they add to their education.

During an interview, one middle-aged teacher looked up from her coffee to quip:

"When I walked into class the other day, it was the first time I'd been a student in 15 years. It's a lot of fun sitting on the other side of the teacher's desk for a change."

Teaching Helped Pay the Way

When Ida Sloan, '35ba, *Norman Transcript* staff writer, came to the campus to get a story on teachers enrolled for the summer term, she made a real find. The find was Mrs. Osie L. Van Valkenburgh, Blackwell teacher, who is the mother of 14 children, each of whom has a college degree or has attended college.

A kicker to Ida's find was the discovery that Meredith, the youngest of Mrs. Van Valkenburgh's brood of sons, daughters and stepchildren, is also attending the University as a pre-law student.

Many years ago Mrs. Van Valkenburgh took her first teaching job at \$50 a month to put some extra cash in the family pocketbook so the children could go to school. Still a teacher, she has a BA degree from Central State Teachers College and is taking work leading to a master's degree in education.

Married to A. M. Van Valkenburgh of Deer Creek when the oldest of his nine children was 19 years old, the Blackwell teacher is convinced that a college education is important if children are to be able to help themselves.

"It's hard for us to understand folks with only one child saying they just don't know how they're going to give that youngster an education," she points out.

"It can be done even on limited incomes, but it takes the children's co-operation, too," she believes.

With the Van Valkenburghs, there was an understanding on the children's part that education was important. For that reason they were all willing to work part-time while attending school in order to help finance their education.

The large family split its ranks by sending part of the children to Stillwater and most of the others to Norman.

Members of the Van Valkenburgh family who have attended the University are Dr. Glenwood, '29bs, '31med, Bill, '50bs, Merlin, '37ba, '40ms, Meredith and Louise, '40-'43.

Those who attended Oklahoma A.&M. College are Norman, Paul, John, and Heylin.

Daughter Lois graduated from Winfield (Kansas) College, and Roberta Myrth attended junior college at Tonkawa. Alpha received college train-



Mrs. Osie L. Van Valkenburgh studies with her son, Meredith, in the Business Ad Library. Meredith is the youngest of her 14 children.

ing in voice before studying in New York, where she is now advertising manager for the Radio Guild.

Glenwood Van Valkenburgh is now Dr. Van Valkenburgh of Georgetown, Delaware, where he has been practicing medicine since completing his internship at Philadelphia.

Merlin was graduated with both BS and MS degrees in botany from the University and is now associated with a pipeline construction company in Sacramento, California.

Bill '50bs, received his degree this spring and plans to go to Chicago in the fall to enter a seminary preparatory to becoming a church leader.

Meredith is a pre-law student, and is active in the program of the University YMCA and the Wesley foundation of the McFarlin Methodist Church.

Daughter Louise lacked but one semester of being graduated from the University when she married Harry Thorpe and moved to East Auburn, Maine.

With her 14 youngsters educated, Mrs. Van Valkenburgh plans to continue as a teacher. When she goes home to Blackwell this fall she will take over the city's special education program.



HILLIER FREELAND, '38FA

Freeland Named Manager

Hillier Freeland, '38fa, operational manager of the Union under the former joint University Association and Union operation program, became Union manager July 1.

The appointment was made June 22 by the Union board of governors. Earlier the Association had voted to name its own alumni manager, leaving the Union under separate management.

A resident of Norman for several years, Freeland was graduated from the University with BFA degree in 1938. During World War II, he was an Army captain and served at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and at Camp Pickett, Virginia in addition to a tour of duty in the Pacific theatre.

Married to the former Dorothy Ellen Gish, '41bs, Freeland has one child, Judith Diane.

Travel Funds Cut

Out-of-state travel by University personnel next year will not be financed by the University unless income for the next fiscal period is greater than now anticipated.

Announcement of the slash in travel expenses came from President Cross in a memorandum sent

Newspaperman's Newspaper

What would be more natural than a newspaper aimed at the working press? Sooner State Press has fulfilled such a function since 1920.

If an Oklahoma newspaperman marries, changes jobs or dies, the event is reported in the *Sooner State Press*, weekly newspaperman's newspaper published by the University School of Journalism. Every week state editors are informed through its pages on what is going on in Oklahoma journalism.

Each issue is a composite of articles taken from papers throughout the state. And in addition to reporting fourth estate news events, its columns carry stories on trends in journalism, reports on editorial and advertising activities and reviews of books which deal with journalistic topics.

Printed by the University Press, *Sooner State Press* is the only paper of its kind published by a school of journalism. It differs from student publications in that it is confined to journalistic news outside the O.U. campus.

H. H. Herbert, David Ross Boyd professor of journalism, currently edits the paper, but it has had a long line of editors since its forerunner, *The News Journal*, began in 1908.

Newsmen referred to the *Journal* as a "clip sheet," and that is just what it was. It carried stories about the University which were intended for use in state newspapers. Later renamed *University and Editor*, the publication began to carry some news about state newspapermen in addition to continuing the clip sheet service.

When it assumed the name *Sooner State Press* in 1920, it began devoting itself entirely to news about Oklahoma newspapermen and journalistic activities in the state.

Through the *Press* a continuous file of all significant journalistic news throughout the state is maintained. Each item concerning a newspaperman is filed under his name, making a contemporary

summary of the person's career at the editor's disposal.

Another important file maintained by the *Press* contains the names of all former students and graduates of the school of journalism. Many graduates of the school hold top positions in the newspaper world and the *Press* regularly reports on their activities.

Each June the *Press* gives its pages over to pictures and articles which introduce graduating seniors in the school of journalism to the working newspapermen in the state. The articles summarize the training and experience of the students, and publishers are permitted in this unique way to examine the new crop of aspiring journalists. Professor Herbert says the system has enabled many employers to select graduates who are suited to the jobs they have to offer.

Although other schools of journalism over the nation have started similar publications in recent years, the *Press* remains the only paper of its type published on a weekly schedule.

Through the years the editorship of the *Press* has been under the command of a school of journalism faculty member or an editorial assistant. Students, employed by the school, assist with the editorial chores and get first-hand experience in publishing a weekly newspaper. Their finished product is a small four-page paper of top-flight professional appearance.

A controlled circulation of 500 copies a week includes the names of all state editors and publishers. When the working newsman receives his copy of the *Sooner State Press*, he has a concise report on the week's journalistic activities in Oklahoma.

early in June to deans and departmental heads. He pointed out that the University will request a substantial increase in its 1951-53 budget in order to have sufficient money for out-of-state travel during the next biennium.

"I regret that this action is necessary, because I sincerely feel that the University gains immensely from most of the travel made by faculty members and others to regional and national meetings," Cross said in the memorandum.

The travel budget cut and other reductions became necessary due to the expected decreased income for the next fiscal year.

A Star Is Born

When Bob Whitley, senior student in the school of music, came home from the national organ contest held June 17-19 in Boston, he had the top award in his pocket.

Winning the contest, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, climaxed honors he had won in state and district contests sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs last year.

The career of this honor-winning musician began 12 years ago when his neighbors were treated to a sample of his music—on an accordion. He stuck with the instrument a few years, and then switched to the organ when he stopped in an Oklahoma City church one night and experimented with the organ while the organist was

searching for sheet music.

Encouraged by his parents, Bob began practicing and three years ago became choir master at the Oklahoma City First Lutheran Church.

A student of Professor Mildred Andrews, '37fa, at the University, he won a scholarship to the Organ Institute at Andover, Massachusetts, for the summer of 1949. At the school he studied with top artists and polished his technique.

After winning the national contest in June, he gave a recital in Harvard Memorial Church in Cambridge. Later, Searle Wright, contest chairman, commented, "Truly a new star has been added to the firmament of organ recitalists."

Bob plans to do advanced study after he graduates from the University next year. After that it will be a professional career at the organ.

Short Course Spots TV Gains

New television developments were in the spotlight on the University short course program June 24-July 1 when 26 persons attended a television seminar and clinic held on North Campus.

Program topics included training for television, television production, script-writing for television, TV programming problems and television for teachers.

Enrolment was limited to persons employed by radio stations, teachers and others whose background qualified them for advanced training.



During the training course for Highway Patrol Cadets, a trainee is interviewed by the men who direct the Patrol activities. The trainee is in the foreground. Seated around the table clockwise are Paul W. Reed, '21, commissioner of public safety; Major Ralph Thompson, Patrol Chief; Wayne Vernon, '39ba, assistant commissioner of public safety; Lt. Carl Tyler, '28; Capt. H. B. Lowrey; Capt. Norman C. Holt; Capt. J. W. Thaxton and Capt. Dale Petty.

Patrol Cadets Graduate

It was graduation day for 67 cadets who had completed 32 days of extensive training in the highway patrol school. Paul Reed, '21, commissioner of public safety for Oklahoma, presented diplomas to the cream of some 300 young men who sought positions with the patrol.

C. H. Mullendore, Miami banker and chairman of the Oklahoma highway commission, represented Governor Turner in making the principal address at the banquet held June 28, marking the end of the course.

The graduating class was the largest since the organization for training patrolmen was formed in 1937. Conducted on the North Campus, the school was under the direction of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, assisted by the University Extension Division.

Capt. Dale Petty, patrol inspector, was director of the trooper school, which featured instruction in Oklahoma law enforcement, physical training classes, studies in Oklahoma history, press relations, national auto theft data, and patrol organization.

Instructors included Department of Public Safety members, patrol members, University faculty members, national safety representatives, city and state safety speakers, U. S. Treasury instructors, and church representatives.

Among distinguished guests at the banquet were Mac Q. Williamson, '10, state attorney general; Dr. Grady Mathews, '23ba, '23bs, '25med, director of the Oklahoma Department of Public Health, Lew Wallace, executive vice-president of the National Safety Council, J. Russell Borgman, chairman of the state board of affairs, Glen Carmichael, director of the state safety council, State Senator Bill Logan, Lawton, Judge John Powell, '22Law, Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals, and Weldon "Spot" Gentry, '30, FBI agent.

Former University students and graduates who completed the course are Bill E. Cooper, English Piper, John Kenneth Ryle and Charles Williams.

The new additions to the patrol were officially

commissioned July 4 by Governor Turner at the "Salute to Freedom" program held in Taft stadium, Oklahoma City.

Another Building Goes Up

Construction of an \$800,000 addition to the University medical school building in Oklahoma City began June 26.

Most of the money earmarked for the addition was appropriated by the state legislature, but \$250,000 came from the building bond issue voted last September.

School officials stated the added space will allow the medical school to take 20 additional students each year. Completion date for the project is next summer.



Campus friends honored Miss Lucy Tandy, '30ba, '32ma, director of correspondence study department, in early June. The occasion was Miss Tandy's 25th year of service in the University's extension division. Shown with her are nephew Doyle Tandy and Mrs. Tandy who flew from Inglewood, California, as a special surprise and Dr. Thurman White, '41ms, director of the extension division.