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No Time for Raccoon Coats

A second generation of Sooners will find many changes in campus life since mother was a freshman

By John Wagoner, '51

Sons and daughters of O.U. graduates who will arrive at the University this month to begin their college training will find things quite different from what they were when mom and dad waved a red and white pennant to the tune of Boomer-Sooner.

The new crop of freshmen are due to see fulfilment of a \$20,000,000 postwar expansion program. While work moves ahead on three new structures, officials are receiving bids on a fourth. Architects are busy with plans for three more buildings, and the schedule calls for six others in the immediate future.

Only a few years ago a small cluster of buildings along the North Oval comprised the physical plant of the University. Second and third generation Sooners who begin classes in the fall term will find that it is not unusual to have courses scheduled in classrooms as much as two blocks distance from the buildings where their parents attended lectures.

Areas which were lawns and athletic fields only a decade past are now dotted with modern and Gothic buildings. The University is taking bids from contractors for erection of an aeronautical engineering building on the North Campus. Architects are designing a second unit of the geology building, and graduate education and home economics structures. These will come from the University's share in the recent statewide bond issue. So will six more projects which soon go to the architects: journalism, public health and biology facilities, a law library addition, chemistry and classroom buildings, and new classroom facilities under the newly-expanded Owen Field stadium.

And the campus life into which these new students will project themselves reflects a change almost as great as the one that has taken place in the physical plant at the University.

To acquaint parents of potential Sooners with the University which their children will find when they come to Norman,

terfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council, which administrate inter-group relations, the Greek organizations guide their members in social and scholastic activities.

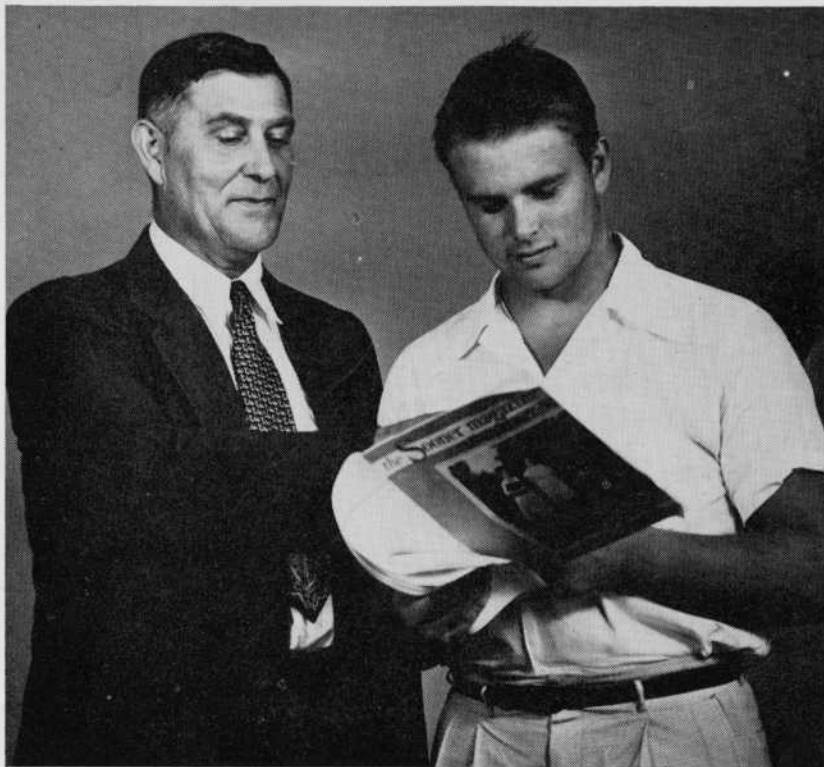
Students who do not pledge Greek letter organizations will have an opportunity to participate in an organized social program through the Independent Student's Association.

Last spring the Independent Men's organization and the Independent Women's group merged to form the O.U. chapter of the National I.S.A. The move was made to strengthen the Independents' two main activities: student service and the sponsoring of social and athletic programs.

The I.S.A. constitution includes as members all men and women students on the University campus who are not members of organized social fraternities and sororities. Weekly dances, intramural athletics, and service functions round out the activities of I.S.A. members.

Officers elected from the I.S.A. ranks administer the campus program and plan student functions. Through their action last year, an Independent test file was organized to counteract any harsh feelings between Independents and Greek organization members who have access to files maintained in their house.

Smoke Signal, national magazine of the I.S.A., is published on the University campus. It was at O.U. that Dr. James F. Findlay founded the Independent Men's Association in 1933. Since then the Independents have grown to an organization of 120 college and university chapters over the nation. Presence of the magazine offices on the campus focuses attention of the



Two generation of Roses look over campus changes in the Sooner Magazine since Robert F. Rose, '24ba, Norman, was a student. Son Robert, 17, will be a freshman in University College when the school term gets underway.

Sooner Magazine presents the following word profile of the campus as it appears in September, 1950.

Social Cement. Sororities, fraternities and the Independent Students' Association are the organizations in which students will find a cementing agent for their University activities.

Rush week at the University began September 3 when sororities held their first open house. Twenty-three national social fraternities and thirteen sororities which have campus chapters began looking over prospective pledges and laying plans for the school year.

Working in close harmony with the In-

General

national chapters on O.U.

Christian Heritage. Religious activities at the University are sponsored by the Norman churches through their student groups, by the YWCA and YMCA, and by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. Work of all these organizations is coordinated and special campus-wide programs are planned by the Inter-religious Council composed of representative stu-

"Y" organizations are divided into five clubs on the campus: graduate group, couples club, upperclassmen's club, and two freshmen groups.

Lounges maintained by the "Y" in the Union Building will not be open next year due to the expansion building program which is now in progress.

Thrills and Muscles. Following the Big Red football machine and the spring bas-

facilities are available for those who need them.

Latest Housing Word. Women students who come to the University for the first time in September will find ultra-modern housing representing the latest word in construction. Their home will be the University's women's quadrangle which offers accommodations for 848 freshmen coeds.

The housing project has not only living quarters in its 16-dormitory units, but a large, centrally located dining hall and recreation center and lounge. The entire south wall of the central hall is made up of full-length glass paneling, opening to a picturesque landscaped terrace.

Each dormitory building is divided into four independent units, housing 52 girls and a counselor who helps to smooth the way for freshmen coeds. In addition to the house counselors, there is a full-time director of women's dormitories stationed in the central building.

To insure proper diet, a full-time food supervisor is employed at the quadrangle. During hours when the dining room is not in operation a snack bar is open for the girls.

Each of the four dormitories has its own separate lounge, which serves the social needs of the girls living in each unit. These lounges are decorated in four motifs: modern, southwestern, French provincial and American colonial.

Two girls are assigned to each room. Attractively furnished in light birch furniture, the rooms offer a choice of wall colors—yellow, green, blue or pink. Each room has venetian blinds and an inter-communications system connected with the office on the ground floor. Residents will find rooms furnished with attractive Hollywood beds with drawer space for the storage of blankets and bedding underneath, individual desks, desk chairs, lamps, an easy chair for relaxing, and an individual closet for each girls' clothing.

Freshmen women are given preference in placement in these dormitories since there is a Regents' ruling that requires all freshmen women to live in University houses when space is available.

For men, University-operated houses include Whitehand House, facing the gateway to O.U.'s North Oval. Nearby is Franklin House.

Other men live in six buildings of the campus's Woodrow Wilson Center. Each of these buildings has its own recreation lounge, and all adjoin a central dining hall.

One of the Wilson Center buildings is International House, where students from other countries learn American life, and



Bat Shunatona, Jr., and his father, Bat Shunatona, '27Law, Wewoka, were photographed in their home shortly before Bat, Jr., left to enrol as a freshman at Norman. Mrs. Shunatona, (Mary Tiger, '27h.ec) gives family perfect two generation record.

dents from each campus religious group.

Activities for the University "Y" groups will begin early in September when a new cabinet is organized. Plans for study and action during the next school year have been divided into four areas: Christian heritage, social responsibility, world relatedness and growth of persons.

The "Y" organizations hold open forum discussions at least every two weeks during the semester, and special religious programs are planned for Christmas and Easter.

Community service projects during the next school year will include tours to the state hospital for the insane, located in Norman, and a trip to the Cerebral Palsy Institute, also in Norman. These projects are planned to acquaint students with community problems.

Men - and - women relations, personal growth problems, campus morals and customs, where they touch personal growth, are all taken in hand by the "Y." These

ketball games will offer students plenty of vicarious thrills. But they will also get the opportunity to flex their muscles in the intramural athletic programs which function on the campus.

Both men and women students take part in intramural games during the school year. And the swimmers have their heyday when the large outdoor swimming pool at South Campus is filled during the warm months. Indoor pools in the Fieldhouse and in the Women's Building supplement the modern outdoor swimming hole during cool seasons.

Student health is looked after by the Student Health Service. Freshmen students are required to undergo a physical examination upon entering the University and senior students must be thoroughly checked before they graduate. Athletes and others who must be in top physical condition are checked regularly. Doctors and hospital



Judge A. P. Murrah, '28Law, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Murrah (Agnes Milam, '27 ba) are pictured with their daughter, Anne, who will be a freshman at the University. Anne will benefit from the expansion projects which have been completed already.

Oklahoma students gain a better understanding of people from foreign places.

At nearby Jefferson House live O.U. athletes. Here they study together and rehash football and basketball contests. Special training tables, in season, help keep them at top form.

Hester and Robertson Houses, close to the heart of all campus activities, offer additional comfortable quarters for single men.

In addition to University-owned housing there are private residential halls and privately-owned rooms and apartments. These are University-inspected and approved, but students must have special permission to occupy them. Members of fraternities and sororities, except freshmen coeds who live in the Women's Quardangle, live in the houses of their organization.

Numerous apartments for married students are available at North and South campuses, and additional prefabricated houses are provided in the Sooner City housing project.

Landmarks and Such. The landmark that makes the campus differ most from the one which the freshman's mom and dad knew is Owen Stadium. The two huge bleacher sections have been welded together at the north end, making a horse-shoe-shaped structure with a seating capacity of 60,000.

The Union Building is another landmark

which has changed the profile. Freshmen students will see the Student Union with its hair down as they flit to and from classes during the next school year.

Usual hub of student activities, the Union

will be all but closed until the \$2,300,000 expansion program is completed. Work is progressing at a rapid pace, but to remodel the old section and connect it with the two new wings it has been necessary to close the major portion of the building.

Since June only the cafeteria and offices located in the Union have been open. But by the time the new freshmen turn sophomores, the "new" Union with all its plush trimmings will be available for their use.

Now housed in a temporary structure behind the Union, the University Book Exchange will be on the list of stopping places for the new freshman. New and used books, supplies and laboratory equipment are sold to students at a reduced rate in this University-operated store. When the Union expansion program is completed, the Exchange will be housed in modern quarters in the basement of the north wing.

Stories and Stacks. As soon as first class assignments are handed out to the new crop of freshmen, they will discover the library is one of the University regions where they will spend most of their time.

The William Bennett Bizzell Memorial Library, with a capacity of 350,000 volumes, houses the University's general library collections of nearly 300,000 volumes. Its seven stories of steel stacks contain many pages which the average student will



Scanning the 1950 Rush Manual, Pat Paschal gets some explanatory information from Mrs. Lucile Couch Paschal, '23mus, and from E. A. Paschal, '22ba, Amarillo, Texas. Pat will find social life well supervised and conducted by the Greeks and I.S.A.



"Say it isn't so," Connie Alexander seems to be saying to father, Olyen, '31-pharm, and mother Jewell Hodges Alexander, Shawnee, as they view family pics. Connie will find changes at O.U. also.

encounter before he leaves the University.

Also located in the main library are bound volumes of governmental documents and numerous magazines and pamphlets which students will find valuable in research reading.

Students who want to know more about their community and state will discover a wealth of source material on the history of Oklahoma and the Southwest in the Frank Phillips collection. Several other notable collections contain valuable source books. And most schools and departments maintain their own libraries which con-



Allen N. Pettigrove, Tulsa, plans an engineering major after University College. (See Mom's photo at right.)

tain works dealing with specific and technical areas.

Heads and Bodies. Budding biologists, anthropologists, historians and just plain garden variety students with a curiosity can have a continuous field day in the University's museum.

Viewing a shrunken head might not be one of the requisites for a thorough college education, but excellent specimens are on display in the University of Oklahoma Museum for those who want to examine them. Along with the other objects in the museums are skeletons of prehistoric monsters, fossils, classical art objects and other wonders of the ages.

The museum at the University today is out of the bush league class in which it remained for years while its treasures were stored away in attics and vacant buildings. Recently it was moved into the old ROTC stables and armaments building where, with satisfactory remodeling, its displays are open to the public.

Students who visit the museum find that it is organized in seven divisions: American history and science, botany, geology and paleontology, zoology, classical art and archaeology, history and anthropology. Displays in these divisions open a wealth of information to students in their various fields of study.

The art museum, housed in the Art Building, includes the Matzene collection which is valued at \$250,000. It consists of ancient paintings, statues, precious stones, porcelains, textiles and other objects of art from the Orient. Also displayed here is the Woodruff collection of 16th and 17th century paintings, ancient American Indian baskets, Central American pottery and European arts and crafts.

Students with an interest in heavenly bodies can indulge in star gazing at the University Observatory, located immediately south of the museum. A large telescope brings outer space near enough to earth for a good look. The observatory also fetatures a collection of photographic plates of selected regions of the sky.

Anyone who appreciates first editions and rare books will discover that the University Library's treasure room lives up to its name. This division of the library contains manuscripts, old books, documents, photographs and other valuable collections.

Any student who is interested in plants will discover the Bebb Herbarium in the Biology Building a fertile field of study. It contains 110,000 specimens of plant life.

Slight Shift. Students entering the University College for the first time this fall will find that their non-academic high-school credits will count toward college entrance requirements.



Peggy Neiswander scans campus shots taken when her mother, Mrs. Gertrude McLaughlin Neiswander, '23ba, McAlester, was an undergraduate. Peggy expects to major in journalism at O.U.

Previously only academic credits were accepted for the 16 required units. Subjects in vocational agriculture, manual training, typewriting, etc., did not qualify as units for admittance.

Beginning in September the University will relax its entrance requirements for highschool graduates. Instead of requiring specific highschool subjects, the University will accept all graduates of state high schools accredited by the state board of education.

Requirements pertaining to mathematics, history and English have not been changed.

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Mrs. Eula Norton Pettigrove, '30ba, Tulsa, represents first Sooner generation and Son Allen, (at left) second.

Sooner Scene . . .

in the history of University athletics. Some of his players who deserve to be counted in O.U.'s athletic hall of fame are Clyde Watts, '31ba, '31Law, Oklahoma City, Joe Barnhill, '34ba, '34Law, Oklahoma City, Bob Hert, '34ba, '34Law, Stillwater, Williams "Kay" Garnett, '36bus, '37Law, Oklahoma City, and then the greatest of them all, the late Brack McKinley, '33bus.

Colonel Waters is a graduate of Texas A.&M. College and was honored by that institution with an LL.D. degree. In 1942-44, as a Brigadier General, he organized and commanded the Chinese Field Artillery Training Center at Kunming, China. He was decorated with a Purple Heart Medal, a Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the French Fourragere, and by China with the Yun Whei Cloud and Banner. When the tornado struck the North Campus in May, 1949, he had all his trucks and men helping students out of the wreckage within an hour after the storm. In Norman Colonel Waters has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, the Cleveland County Sportsmen's Club, the Red Cross and is vice president of the Lions Club.

Of the 27,041 students who received basic training and the 2,890 who were commissioned in the reserves in the 30-year period 1920-1950, many have served their country well.

In glancing through the records in the Alumni Office, I find the names of these graduates who distinguished themselves in combat—most of them are products of the ROTC program, but of course not all.

Hal Muldrow, '28bus, Norman, Brigadier General, Commander of the Division Artillery of the 45th Division, has just returned to active duty. Among the several hundred alumni in this famous fighting division are Lt. Col. James O. Hood, '29bs, '31med, on leave as director of Student Health at the University; Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, '29ba, '48m.ed, Enid, Executive Board member of the Association; Captain Menter Baker, '42bus, Norman; and Lt. Denny Garrison, '45, Norman.

At least three Sooners have served as Major Generals—Raymond O. Barton, '07, commanded the Fourth Division; W. M. Robertson, '07, commanded the Second Division; and William P. T. Hill, '32ba, held various command positions in the U. S. Marines.

More than 40 alumni have attained the rank of Colonel. Some of these you may know are Earl Sneed, Jr., '34ba, '37Law, Norman, George Shirk, '35ba, '36Law, Oklahoma City, Ralph Rockwood, '33eng, San Francisco, Clint T. Johnson, '19ba, Oklahoma City, Q. M. Spradling, '28ba, '32bus, '40m.bus, Norman, Jess Larson, '22-'33, Washington, D.C., William H. Ampsacher, '36bs, '36med, Houston, Reuben G. Lewis, '12pharm, Dallas, Bert E. Johnson, '24ba, '29Law, Arlington, Virginia, Frank Cleckler, '21ba, Oklahoma City, Richard "Dick" Cloyd, '19ba, '28Law, Oklahoma City, William L. Lockett, '41ba, Norman, John H. Kuhlman, '30-'34, Norman, and E. H. "Bud" Larecy, '26, Arlington, Virginia. There were more than 200 Lt. Cols., 600 Majors, 1200 Captains, etc., to say nothing of the ranks held in

the Navy and Coast Guard.

The highest recognition that members of the armed forces can achieve is the Congressional Medal of Honor. Alumni who attained this honor in the recent war were Lt. Richard M. McCool, Jr., '41ba, Norman, also a graduate of Annapolis and a regular Navy officer; Lt. Col. John L. Smith, '36bus, Lexington, a Marine pilot and a veteran of Guadalcanal; Lt. Col. Leon Robert Vance, Jr., '35, Enid, also a graduate of West Point, a pilot who was injured while on a bomber mission over Germany and lost his life when his hospital ship was sunk in the Atlantic. The Vance Air Force Base of Enid is named in his memory.

Even though the military training program at O.U. has been impressive both in terms of the number of men trained and the quality of service rendered by those in combat, military courses are optional, except for basic work required of all physically fit men students under the age of 21, who have not had previous military training. As a matter of fact, the competition for admission to the advanced unit is difficult to meet.

In times of crisis the University has always cooperated to the fullest extent to serve the national interest. The University is prepared today to provide greater service than ever before to the national defense, should this become necessary. Evidence of this preparedness can be found in the recent appointment of Mr. Verne H. Schnee as vice president in charge of development. Mr. Schnee will continue as director of the Research Institute and will represent the University in its relationship with the government in developing research and training programs.

The University of Oklahoma is definitely a first-line institution and will maintain its position of leadership whatever the future may bring.

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The new admission rules will be given a three-year tryout. At the end of that period a faculty committee will measure results and set up a permanent plan of admissions.

Not all of the changes that have been made since mother was a freshman have been recorded here. The change in teaching personnel, administrative setup and physical plant will require another story. The changed attitudes of students who face a Korean war is another element that has not been touched upon. The innovations and progress that has been made and is presented helps to show how the University is keeping pace with the times. A second generation will have nothing but the best.

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