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The Cover

This month's cover could be called "Frustration." The background of Texas tickets should convey the idea of plenty and the hand is calculated to mean success. The frustration seems self explanatory. (Note to Alumni: these tickets were reserved for students and were sold long before game time.)

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On The Sooner Scene

The Homecoming Committee has arranged to give a share of the spotlight to long-time faculty members this year. The author relates some of the names of these pioneers who have given the University more than a thousand years of service.

By Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law

When the homecoming parade passes the campus corner on October 21, it will be led by long-time faculty members who, taken together, represent a thousand years of service to the University and to Oklahoma. The homecoming committee headed by Dexter Eldridge of Luther, decided that the idea of service is of importance to students and alumni alike in these critical times. Recognition will be given to its value by paying tribute to those who have served the longest. This speaks well for the insight of the students on the committee for they have caught the basic purpose of the University, to be of service to mankind.

In this distinguished group some are retired, but a few are at the height of their productive careers. You will remember many interesting things about them.

When the University first opened its doors in 1892, one of the four faculty members present was Edwin C. DeBarr. Dr. DeBarr still lives in Norman and is active in civic affairs. Grace King Maguire has also been on the Sooner Scene for more than fifty years, for she arrived in 1898 to serve as head of the school of music and is now a member of the staff of the University library.

There are 10 who have been at the University for more than forty years; Roy Gittinger, '02ba, 1902, Bennie Owens, 1905, Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, 1906, Jerome Dowd, 1907, and in 1908, Lucile Dora, Edmond P. R. Duval and Louis A. Turley, '18, arrived. In 1909 the school of law was opened by Julien C. Monnet and John B. Cheadle.

In the five years, between 1911 and 1916, 16 men joined the faculty who are still here. You may remember all of these: Victor H. Kulp, Roy Temple House, J. L. Lindsey,

'15, Lewis S. Salter, '12ba, '17ba, Lawrence N. Morgan, Arthur B. Adams, H. H. Herbert, Emil R. Kraettli, '18, Edward E. Dale, '11ba, Edgar D. Meacham, '14ba, O. B. Jacobson, Walter S. Campbell, A. J. Williams, N. A. Court, Charles E. Decker, and V. E. Monnett, '12ba.

A qualitative report on the thousand years of service represented here would fill several volumes. These scholars are the builders of good citizens and the author of many important books. To thousands of alumni they are, in a sense, the University of Oklahoma. Life in Oklahoma has been made richer by their work.

To know these men is to understand the University and its goals to which so many have devoted their lives. Through 58 years of growth at O.U., your University has established a place for itself among the leading institutions of higher education in the nation. It is valuable to know that as a graduate of O.U., you are presumed to be well-grounded in the basic American principles for which the institution and its faculty stand.

Wells Reports to Navy

Don L. Wells, '49bus, reported for duty September 7 at the Eighth Naval District headquarters in New Orleans. A yeoman first class, Wells was a high school teacher in the Oklahoma City public schools before being called to active duty.

Books Abroad Go Abroad

Books Abroad, O.U. international literary quarterly, is now going to American information centers in Germany. Ernst E. Noth, editor, announced recently that the U. S. State Department took 30 subscriptions for regular distribution in that area.

The quarterly was established to foster international understanding in the field of literature.