

A Survey of Major Campus Happenings

Humor and Welcome

Mid-summer heat rays were showering around the campus. Students flocked to their houses to begin work on floats and house decorations. If any indication was needed to prove Homecoming was here, a quick look at the crepe paper stock of local merchants would have dispelled any doubts.

Officially Homecoming moved in at noon October 20 with all classes dismissed. But the spirit had been moving mountains for some time. Most houses were already decorated from midnight stands the previous night. Floats were being constructed. The Homecoming Varieties were polished and ready to trod the boards.

The theme for homecoming decorations was song titles. And by the time the judges made their daylight judging rounds, spectators had an inkling of campus humor. Sample variety; Kappa Sig's out-door privy labeled "Bonaparte's Retreat," Phi Psi's blowup of the *Oklahoma Daily*, *True Magazine*, *Daily Oklahoman*, entitled "Those Little White Lies."

The winner in the men's organization division was Sigma Chi with "This is My Country." The theme was carried out with a map of the U. S. flanked on both sides by flags of each of the 48 states.

For the women, Kappa Alpha Theta had the winner. They used the theme of "Here Comes the Show Boat." In the evening, the Variety show was staged.

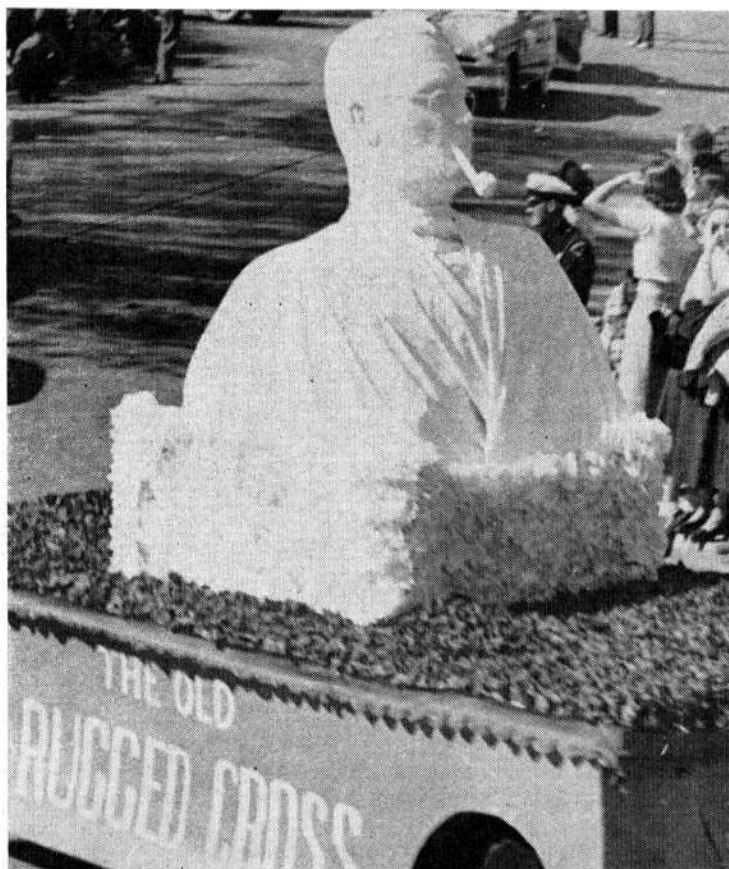
Saturday, October 21, was the day that was eagerly awaited. Not only the annual parade was in store but the Kansas State-O.U. football game.

Registration for alumni was held in the Union and alumni chose ring-side seats for the parade in front of the building to watch 62 highschool bands and 39 floats pass in review.

A special event of this year's homecom-

ing was the place of honor given O.U. professors and administrators who had been associated with the University for a total of 1,000 years.

Those honored were John B. Cheadle, Allen Ruggles, Lewis S. Salter, '12mus,



Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity thought the hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross*, a natural for their entry in the Homecoming parade. Each float had to carry out a song theme; a striking likeness of President George L. Cross (and pipe) won chuckles, didn't win the prize.

'17ba, Oscar B. Jacobson, Roy T. House, Jesse L. Radar, '08ba, '13ma, Roy Gittinger, '02ba, T. K. Davis, A. J. Williams, H. H. Herbert, Arthur B. Adams, Mrs. Grace Maguire, J. L. Lindsey, '15, L. N. Morgan, Victor H. Kulp, Ben G. Owen, Guy Y. Williams, '06ba, '10ma, Dr. Louis Turley, '18, Charles Decker, Emil Kraettli, '18 and Dean Julien Monnet.

Winning floats in the parade were Sigma Chi's "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody"; Delta Delta Delta's "Singing Cat" and the American Institute of Electrical Engineer's "Down By the Old Mill Stream."

The Sequoyah Club's Indian Princess was crowned in traditional exercises before the game kickoff. Then Big Red tamed the Kansas State pussycat by a score of 58-0.

Following the game an alumni reception was held at Woodrow Wilson Center. Nothing marred the day's activities. It was a fine Homecoming.

Something New

Great Day! October 28 was a good day for the University and for the sportsmen and scientists of the southwest. On that day the University's new biological station located on the banks of Lake Texoma near Madill was officially dedicated.

Some 500 persons attended the dedication. President George L. Cross, who served as master of ceremonies, told the crowd of the recreational facilities the station would help provide through dissemination of knowledge concerning lakes and ponds in Oklahoma. New industries might be developed from the research done at the station, he said, and other industries might well find the state more attractive with the improved recreational facilities.

No other station of the type found at Texoma is in operation in the southwest, Dr. Cross continued.

"When Norman Brillhart ('17ba), an O.U. alumnus from Madill, came to us two years ago offering this land and the partially completed building, we immediately saw an opportunity to develop an educational center where information concerning our lakes and fishing could be developed on a scientific basis," he said. (Mrs. Mildred Colby Brillhart, '22fa, and her mother, Mrs. W. H. Colby, Madill, also were donors of the land and building.)

But the building needed to be completed and equipment purchased. The state legislature appropriated \$110,000 to complete the structure. Completed last summer, the

station was used for the first time in June when graduate students enrolled for field studies in biological sciences. It is equipped to provide lodging and laboratory facilities for 100 students.

In addition to Cross, those participating in the ceremonies were T. R. Benedum, '28 Law, Norman, representing the Board of Regents; State Senator Raymond Gary, Madill; State Representative Paul Harkey, '39, Idabel; Dr. C. W. Rowland, Willis, and Carl D. Riggs, director of the station.

Guests viewed the laboratory facilities, visited the dormitory rooms, and the boat docks, some went for a boat ride, a few arrived early enough for a little fishing and

campus facilities for a final appeal to campus voters.

The Democrats moved in October 19 for a League of Young Democrats' dinner. Senator Robert S. Kerr, '16, and candidates Mike Monroney, '24ba, Johnston Murray, and John Jarman spoke to the campus group. (Monroney, U. S. senator, Murray, governor, and Jarman, U. S. representative, have since been elected to office.)

But the Republicans hadn't given up the fight. Harold Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania and former presidential aspirant, was scheduled to appear November 3 to represent the Republican's cause.

"And from all indications there is a big expansion program in the offing."

The South Campus facilities are leased from the Navy on a 30-day recall basis. The North Campus is permanent O.U. property and any use the Navy might make of those quarters would depend upon the University's wishes.

Cleaners Cleaned? When Norman cleaners raised their cleaning prices, the students went on strike. Prices stayed up and students looked like they were losing round one. But just when the floor came up to meet them for the 10-count, a proposal was offered that at least brought the students to their knees at the count of 9.

In early November a cleaning co-operative was formed. Called the Co-operative Cleaners, Incorporated, representatives of the student senate, Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council, and independent men and women houses, signed the articles of incorporation. If the Independent Student Association approved the setup they also would have a representative on the board of directors.

A goal of 2,000 was estimated to be the minimum number of students and University employees that would be necessary to make the co-operative a going concern. A December 1 date was set for the co-op's operation to begin.

Membership will cost \$5 in advance. Regular prices of Norman cleaners will be charged. At the end of each month members will pay their bill in order to keep the \$5 on reserve deposit.

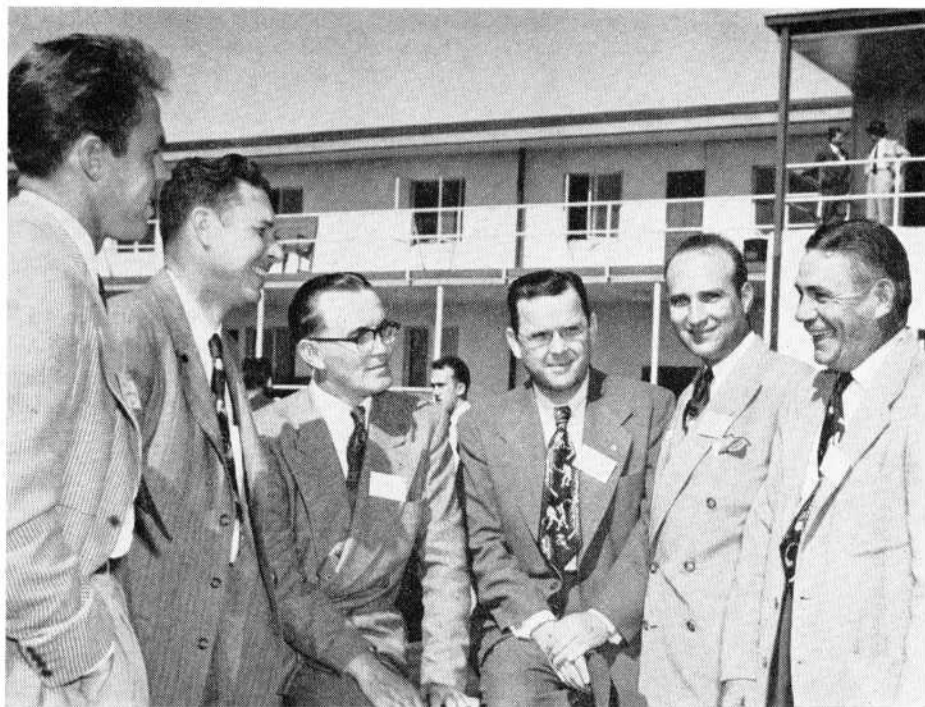
The students would save money by receiving dividends at the end of each month co-op boosters asserted. Dividends will average 20 to 30 percent a spokesman for the co-op said. A cleaning firm in Oklahoma City will provide 2-day service at 60 percent of the Norman cleaners prices. Ten percent will be used for administrative purposes.

Something for the Girls

On the Hoof. With cold weather coming on, the woman who owns a chinchilla coat should stay warm if only from the thought of how much security she's wearing.

There's a senior on the campus who has the chinchillas but they're still on the hoof. Mrs. Lucille Stone, senior in library science, has five of the little critters—about 295 animals short of a coat. And she may never let them adorn milady's back. "I fell in love with the little animals on first sight," the graying woman said. "They're so nice and clean."

Mrs. Stone is a school teacher who wanted a lucrative occupation when she quit teaching. So upon the suggestion of



Playing top roles in the dedication ceremonies at O.U.'s Lake Texoma Biological Station: (left to right) Dr. Carl Riggs, director; Raymond Gary, Madill, state senator; President George L. Cross; T. R. Benedum, '28 Law, Board of Regents; Paul Harkey, '39, Idabel, state representative; and Norman Brillhart, '17ba.

all took part in a noon barbecue feast. (For complete story on Texoma station see *Sooner Magazine*, May, 1950.)

Without any fear of being called braggarts, University and alumni officials could point to the station as an example of alumni-University co-operation that gave the state and the University another first.

Confusion

Political Sniping. The political pot continued to boil and bubble during late October and early November. President Cross came in for a bit of bitter criticism from the Republicans when they thought they had caught him consorting with the Democrats beyond propriety. Dr. Cross flatly denied the accusations.

But whether there was any justification for the charge or not, both parties used the

Oklahoma's first cold wave grounded Stassen but gubernatorial candidate Jo O. Ferguson topped the bill anyway. It was the final campus outing for either party before the November 7 election.

Clearly Blurred. The "is you is, or is you ain't" type of controversy that has surrounded the return of the Navy to Norman was given new play in November.

Rear Adm. William K. Phillips, New Orleans, commandant of the Eighth Naval District, was on the campus to inspect naval activities. When he left he also gave further indication that the Navy may be back in Norman.

Admiral Phillips said the wartime naval facilities have been inspected and found suitable for future use, provided the Navy expands. And if that wasn't enough to start the tongues wagging, he continued,

her daughter Rose Jean, now Mrs. Norman J. Harris, she plunked down \$1,200 for a pair of the animals. By the time she saw her investment there were twin sons along. Now another chinchilla has been added to the family. Mrs. Stone, counselor at Franklin House, invites students to view her pets. The wise visitor refrains from referring to the little dears as rabbits.

On the Boards. The School of Drama opened its University Playhouse season November 3 with *The Women*.

Claire Booth Luce's famous satire on women and their wiles set the audience achuckling and with the benefit of top performances started the entertainment season off on the proper foot.

International Relations

Toward One Worldness. The campus assumed an international air late in October when 12 German publishers came to the University for a 3-day stay for the purpose of observing American university life.

Oklahoma had been selected as host school for the visiting Germans because it qualified as a typical mid-continent university. Many of the publishers had indicated they wished to visit the University because they had become familiar with the name through the O.U. international literary quarterly *Books Abroad*.

In an interview with a *Sooner Magazine* reporter, Heinrich Cobrt, Frankfurt publisher, discussed his impressions of American educational institutions, contrasting them with those of Western Europe.

"Our young German generation is a lost generation," Heinrich said. "The people who are now 30 years old spent one year in the Nazi national work program and the remainder of the years through 1946 in the war effort. The generation was robbed of an opportunity to secure an education."

Heinrich was impressed by the American know-how, but he believed he detected "too strong a tendency toward technical education, rather than philosophical education."

He observed a marked difference in the faculty of the American University and the faculty of the European University. "Faculty members of European Universities are selected because they have made distinguished accomplishments in their field. In America they seem to be selected for good teaching ability."

"There is greater academic freedom in European universities than in American universities," he observed. "In most European universities students are not required to attend lectures unless they wish to do so. They do not live in dormitories, and

very little of their life is regulated by the university."

Heinrich said many Western European youths are flocking to the universities, "but a great number are crowded out due to economic difficulties." "Many laboratories which were built to accommodate 20 or 30 students are now used by as many as 100."

He predicted progress toward a "one worldness" through the exchange of students. But he emphasized: "First, students must familiarize themselves with their own country. Then they can go abroad as unofficial ambassadors of good will."

Faculty and students met the German publishers in a 2-hour roundtable discus-



Mrs. Lucille Stone tries on two of her live chinchillas which she says may never become a part of a fur coat.

sion in which questions and comments were exchanged.

Before leaving Oklahoma the group toured other parts of the state, including farms, ranches and the Oklahoma A. & M. College demonstration farm.

Perhaps a Breathing Spell. Dr. Percy Buchanan, director of the University's Asiatic Affairs Institute, doesn't think the U. S. and Russia are going to have at it for 5 to 10 years. That is his prediction unless some "stupid mistake" is made by either of the two countries. He asserted that war may be prevented entirely because, he believes, Russia realizes both she and America would be wiped out in an atomic war.

Buchanan thinks that the Red's game in Korea is to exhaust the U. S. economically

and militarily. He believes Russia has three reasons for staying in the United Nations—1) to get out of it what she can for herself 2) to block any legislation that is objectionable to her purposes 3) to use the UN as a sounding board for her propaganda.

The Asiatic expert believes that Mao Tse-Tung, Chinese Red leader, does not want a war with the U. S. and that he invaded Tibet for the sole purpose of getting his troops away from the American conflict in North Korea.

Buchanan said that the time for a showdown with Russia is definitely not here. He added however that it would be a good idea if the U. S. bombed Manchuria. Russia would then have to either admit she is behind all the trouble or keep quiet. She would probably take the latter course.

Beyond Duty

For Heroism. A former University of Oklahoma student was granted the Carnegie Hero Medal but everyone wished it had never been won.

In late October Maurice A. Ahern, Jr., was posthumously awarded the medal for his part in saving the life of Edward A. Kain, another student, during the BOQ fire last year. Ahern lost his life in the blaze.

A Clean Sweep. The Sooner Football team has accepted an invitation to play Kentucky in the Sugar Bowl January 1. The announcement was made November 27 following a vote by the team.

The Sooners will take a 31-game winning streak and the national football championship into the game. It will be the third consecutive appearance of the Sooners in the Sugar Bowl. In 1949 they trimmed North Carolina 14-6 and in 1950 whitewashed L.S.U. 35-0. If the Sooners can repeat with a victory (and no alumnus or Oklahoman thought anything else probable), the Oklahomans will retire the Sugar Bowl trophy.

Amid the Bowl flurry, more publications were naming their All-Americans. *Collier's* named both Leon Heath and Jim Weatherall to their first eleven. The INS picked Weatherall and Heath but named an offensive and defensive squad.

Anyway it was sliced, the season was unprecedented for a sweep of honors by the Big Red.