

A Survey of Major Campus Happenings

Engineers and Politics

Week of Weeks

For the Engineers. Old Trusty barked and belched smoke into the chilly March air. Hooded members of LKOT (Loyal Knights of Old Trusty) blinked at each other through eye-slits in their robes, confident that the blast from the small cannon had made everyone within a whoop and a holler aware that it was Engineers Week.

Members of the secret LKOT society are charged with assuring the continuance of the traditions which have been established for the O.U. Engineers Week. They were carrying out their duties for the University's 37th annual Engineers celebration.

The annual affair for engineering students has been going on since 1914, and the present day celebration centers its activities in a three-day, rapid-fire succession of events beginning on the Thursday nearest St. Patrick's Day.

Top event of the week was election of the Engineers queen which featured campaigns with as much steam and fire as an Oklahoma primary.

From a field of five candidates Raynelle Sanderlin, education junior from Shreveport, Louisiana, (*See Cover*) was selected to reign over the slide rule kingdom. In campaign literature Raynelle had quipped: "My ambition is to marry, have a couple of children and live happily ever after."

Howard Perdue, engineering senior from Camden, Arkansas, was named to the office of St. Pat. The title goes to the outstanding senior man in engineering. His principle duty was to crown the queen.

The coronation took place at the annual Engineers Dance, and the new queen knighted 25 outstanding senior men as Knights of St. Pat.

Humor took over for the presentation of the annual Engineers show, a variety presentation which drew a large crowd and succeeded in provoking some honest belly-laughs.

Speaker at the Engineers Banquet was Fred F. Murray, president of Oil Well Supply Company. He was knighted by the Engineering Queen as an honorary Knight of St. Pat.

In keeping with tradition, the *Oklahoma*

Daily, student newspaper, turned green during the week and ran a series of stories concerning personalities and activities in the engine college.

The week ended without the Law students, traditional rivals of the Engineers, kidnapping the queen. Only action from the lawyers was the wearing of shoestring ties during the activities to set themselves apart from the engineering students.

Politics

Succession. Dave Busby, University law student from Ada, was elected president of the Oklahoma League of Young Democrats at the League's February 24 convention in Shawnee.

His election was witnessed by his father, Orel Busby, '14Law, the man who, as a student at the University, conceived the idea of a League of Young Democrats.

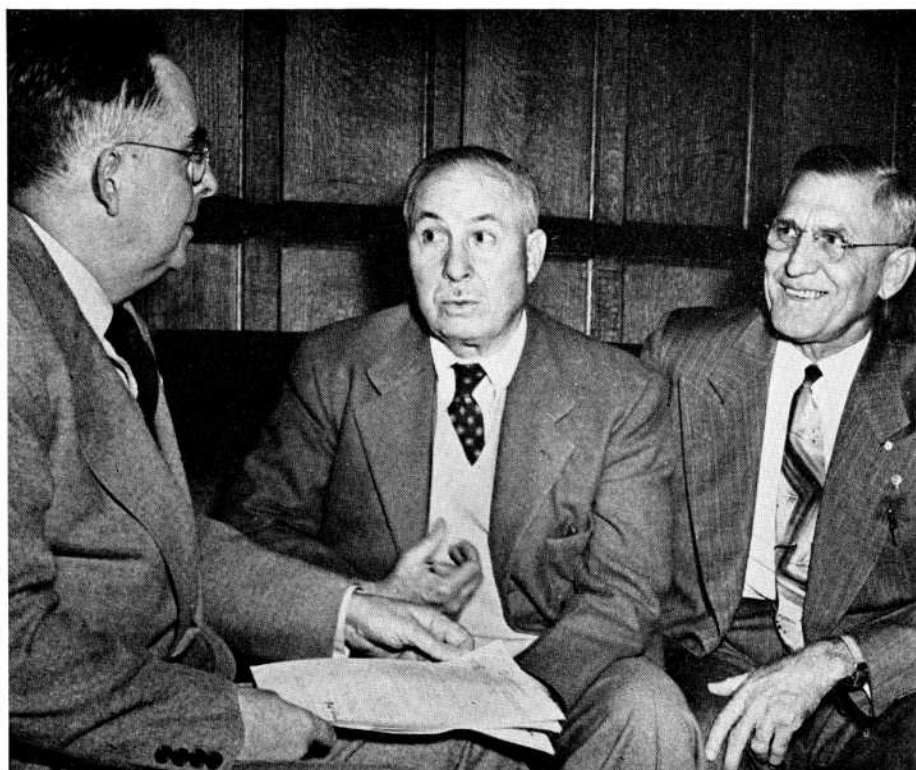
Young Busby succeeds Lewis Watson,

'48Law, of Ada as president. For the first time in many years, the University chapter's vote was undivided, a factor in Busby's election.

Former State Supreme Court justice and now an attorney in Ada, Busby's father was an editor of the *Umpire*, predecessor of the present University student newspaper, when he agitated for a League of Young Democrats.

The birth of the League of Young Democrats goes back to 1911, the year before the national presidential election was to take place. Interest in politics was unusually high in the 5-year old state, and students on the campus found themselves similarly infected.

Two forces came into being at the University. One consisted of those supporting Champ Clark for the presidency, the other favored the New Jersey governor. Calling

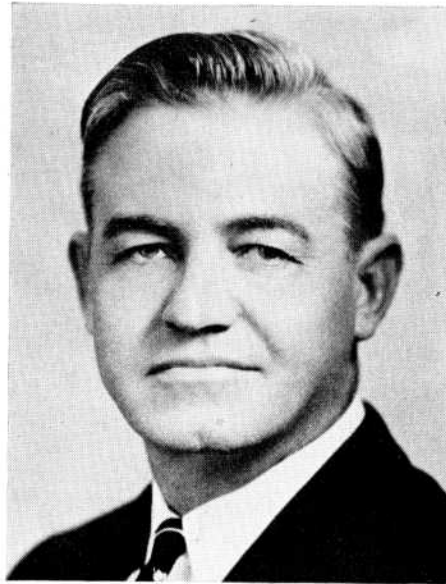


Ned Shepler, '18, (left) Lawton newspaper publisher, was named president of the Board of Regents March 14. Pictured with him are Dr. Oscar White, '21bs, Oklahoma City, who succeeded Shepler in the post of vice president of the board, and Emil R. Kraettli (far right), who was re-elected as secretary of the University Regents.



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... League of Young Demos, a Family Tradition



OREL BUSBY, '14Law

themselves the Woodrow Wilson Club, students of the latter group organized to serve their candidate in the most effective manner. From this club emerged the nucleus of what became in February, 1912, the Young Men's Democratic League, later to be known as the League of Young Democrats.

It was the first organization of its kind in the country, but the idea of the Oklahoma League quickly spread as other states formed clubs patterned after it. Orel Busby was the first state president of the organization.

Young Busby, who now holds the position his father once occupied, received a BA degree from Yale University where he was treasurer of his class. He is an ensign in the Naval Reserve and former president of the University chapter of the League of Young Democrats. A law senior, he has passed the state bar examination.

Signs of Progress

Something New. With acquisition of a new two-way mobile unit, WNAD, University radio station, has taken another step toward maintaining its place as one of the nation's leading educational broadcasters.

The addition will facilitate program coverage not readily reached by telephone lines, the usual method of away-from-studio broadcasting.

The unit consists of two parts. One is an actual mobile transmitter mounted in the station car, the same general principle as police radio, which will send programs to the Union tower control room. The other is a "cue" station in the control room which enables operators to talk with persons in charge of the mobile unit.

Gittinger Hall. The University's new

Social Sciences Building will be named Gittinger Hall in honor of Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba, Regents Professor Emeritus of History.

The campus planning committee made the original recommendation, which was approved by President Cross and the Board of Regents.

For a Cause. The Garter Girl, the Ugliest Guy on the Campus and a dark horse called the Supporter Boy sparked the annual University March of Dimes campaign with humor last month.

During official appearances of the Garter Girl, she wore brief attire, revealing only her legs and hiding her face. Clues to her identity were sold with the money going to the March of Dimes. The male who guessed who she was won prizes which included a date for dinner and dancing with the Garter Girl.

Said Opal Dillon, Oklahoma City student who had posed as the Garter Girl: "I almost caught pneumonia running around in shorts during the drive."

The dubious honor of Ugliest Guy on the Campus went to Ed Jacoby, business senior from Tulsa. Candidates were nominated by friends, and each penny contributed to the March of Dimes acted as a vote for the nominee. Among other contenders for the title: President Cross.

The Supporter Boy was reported to have emerged pantless from a closet of the Lambda Chi house. He appeared with his head covered, and wore bright shorts and supporters for his sox. Guesses as to his iden-



Mrs. Jack E. (Barbara Bizzell, '49) Barry and Carolyn Elaine Thompson, examine the portrait of their grandfather, the late Dr. Bizzell, which was recently painted for the Oklahoma Historical Society Gallery of Paintings. Former University president, Dr. Bizzell was instrumental in building the O.U. Library, which now bears his name.



Betty Doris Sigle, junior in social work from Binger, listens to a "talking book" record player while her seeing-eye dog, Dottie, looks on.

Blind since birth, Betty attended the Muskogee School for the Blind, then came to O.U. in 1948. She has had Dottie, a German shepherd, since last year.

tity were made by coeds who contributed to the March of Dimes.

When the Supporter Boy was unfrocked, he turned out to be Bob Bumpas, senior engineering student from Capitol Hill. He had run the Garter Girl a good race in securing contributions for the drive.

Scandalous Affair. During *Now or Never Week*, which began on the campus February 26, coeds could go out with whom they wanted and when they wanted. During the annual turnabout week, the girls did the asking for dates and battled their way through Union coffee lines.

Only unfortunate phase of the table turning was that the girls had to foot the bill on dates.

Sooner Scandals, highlight of the week, brought out the best talent on the campus to present the Union Activity Board's annual variety show. A record audience turned out for an evening of chuckles in Building 92 on South Campus.

Commented some students: "The *Scandals* weren't as scandalous as they used to be." A few of the acts had been censored,

Recipient of an Alumni Development Fund scholarship this year, Betty uses the talking book player in her college work. Purchased by the Development Fund, the machine has an earphone for the blind person so it will not disturb others in the room where it is being played. It is located in the University Library and is available for use at all times by blind students.

but campus talent turned up with some of the best acts in *Scandals* history.

Enrolment

Like Old Times. A military atmosphere, reminiscent of World War II days when the Navy and Army training programs were in operation at the University, returned to the campus March 17. The first group of Air Force men to take clerk-typist training at the University arrived then and are now in training.

The men are being housed in Woodrow Wilson Center, and have been accepted by the University on a contract basis.

Only 25 men began training the first week, but they will be followed by successive groups until the detachment reaches a total of 450 men. Sent to O.U. from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, the trainees will spend three months at the university.

The New Figure. The University has 8,094 students enrolled for the spring term. Released early in March, the figure shows a drop of 1,516 from last fall's enrolment of 9,610.

A decline in the number of male students

is indicated by a smaller ratio of men students per co-ed. There are 6,024 men students and 2,070 coeds. In 1947 the ratio was 8 to 1. In 1951, there are 2.8 men to each woman on the campus.

Seniors outnumber all other classes. A breakdown by classes shows 1,923 seniors, 1,441 juniors, 1,473 sophomores and 1,406 freshmen. Graduates number 1,149; law 242, and school of medicine and nursing, 411.

From Abroad. More foreign students are attending O.U. this semester than ever before in the history of the University. The 117 foreign students in Norman for the spring term represent 30 countries, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Engineering has drawn 93 of the 117, with petroleum engineering as the leading major.

For the first time since the war, three Japanese students are attending the University. The newly organized republic of Israel is represented by two students, and there is one Palestinian Arab on the campus.

Canada has the largest representation with 38 students; Colombia is second with 14; Mexico is third with 13.

One family from Panama City has three brothers, Alberto, Francisco and Ramon Quiros, attending the University. An older brother, Simon, '47bs, graduated from O.U. in geological engineering.

Yeghishe M. Avedissian, Baghdad, Iraq, an engineering major, is also a poet and novelist in his home country.

Education for Living

Hunger for Religion. Using the theme "What is the equation for living?" Religious Emphasis Week opened on the University campus February 18. Lecturers and authorities in the field of religion were present to lead seminars, forums, and a convocation.

The week was highlighted by talks—termed "bull sessions"—in organized University houses and special lectures at various campus meetings.

Several of the speakers addressed classes whose instructors gave class time for the special address.

Said Rabbi Robert I. Kahn of Houston, Texas:

"Ten years ago when I spoke to college audiences I had to start my address talking about Freud or Darwin or the like and cautiously play into the subject of religion. . . . Now I can put over a talk on religion without any attempt to cover or sugar up the real motive. There is a real hunger for religion."

To the Future. With an eye on the future University students participated in the eleventh annual Careers Conference on the

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O.U. campus early in March. Nationally-known persons were present to speak on subjects ranging from Engineering to Marriage.

Purpose of the conference was to bring students into contact with individuals who could answer questions concerning careers in which the students are interested. Public lectures were given during the 3-day conference, and students were given the opportunity to have individual conferences with speakers.

Out of the Past

Ghost Uncovered. A ghost of the past appeared to haunt workers on the new Chemistry Building addition on the North Oval when ashes and bits of concrete from the basement of the first University Building were uncovered.

Remnants of the basement were discovered, because it had been filled instead of dug up.

The building was destroyed in January, 1903, by fire. Although little equipment was saved, most of the records were carried out. Cost of the building was about \$32,000 when it was completed in 1893, according to *The University of Oklahoma*, by Dr. Roy Gittinger.

Cadavers and Shock. On March 2 Jim Fisher nosed his big steam shovel into the ground, gouging out an excavation for the new Graduate Education Building on the University's South Oval. When the shovel came up with its load of dirt, Fisher was startled. He had uncovered a human body.

"That's the first time I ever dug up a body, and it startled me for a minute, sitting there on the shovel looking me right in the face," Fisher told the spectators who began to gather.

Anthropologists, students and police flocked to the construction scene when the story that three human heads had been uncovered spread. The March afternoon had turned up some real excitement.

Standing off from the quizzical crowd, J. A. Andrews, resident of Norman since 1892, smiled.

"I've always known those bodies were down there," he said. "They've been there for 40 years. There used to be a 'stiff house' located north of Kaufman Hall. The bodies were taken from there in a truck when the med students were through with them and buried here, 10 or 12 feet deep."

Andrews said the practice of burying cadavers in the plot on the campus was carried on for two or three years.

The bodies were well preserved with formaldehyde.

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