

A Survey of Major Campus Happenings

Graduates Will Hear Top Speakers

Price Stabilizer Eric Johnston and the Rev. Samuel West have been chosen to deliver the principal graduation addresses.

The 1951 graduating class will hear the nation's top economic stabilizer, Eric A. Johnston at the commencement address June 4.

Johnston has been active in governmental affairs since he was a member of 22 civilian advisory boards and committees during World War II. He was especially active in the field of labor-management relations, and has been one of the few United States citizens officially invited to confer with Stalin.

He was appointed to his present position as economic stabilizer in January by President Truman upon the resignation of Alan Valentine.

In 1945, he was named president of Hollywood's Motion Picture Association of America, succeeding Movie Czar Will Hays.

Possessor of a law degree from the University of Washington and honorary degrees from 11 Universities and colleges, Johnston at 46, was the youngest man to serve as president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

He recently served under EAC Administrator Paul Hoffman's Economic Development committee and was director of the American Cancer Society in 1945.

In 1940, Johnston was a candidate for the office of U. S. senator from Washington.

The June 3 baccalaureate sermon will be given by the Rev. Samuel E. West, rector of St. James Episcopal church, Wichita, Kansas.

Reverend West attended Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, and the General Theological Seminary, New York City. He has served as chaplain of Episcopal students at the University of Wyoming and as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Greeley, Colorado.

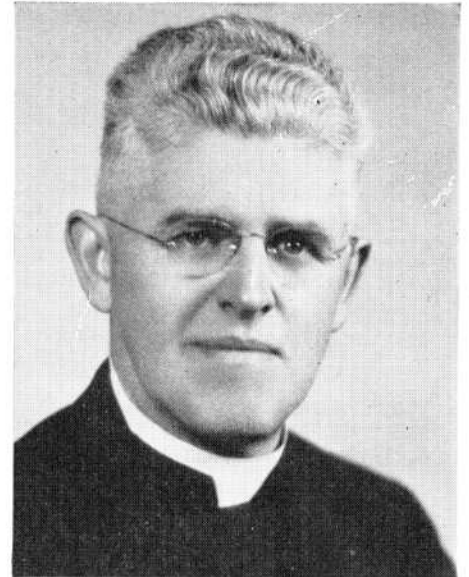
He became Rector of St. James Church, Wichita, in 1930. He will observe his twenty-first anniversary there May 1.

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C'est la Vie! *The Covered Wagon*, the University's magazine of college humor,



ERIC A. JOHNSTON



THE REV. SAMUEL WEST

... For Commencement and Baccalaureate

was in hot water when its "French Issue" hit the newsstands in April.

Most students agreed that it was a snappy issue, but the University administration decided the editorial and pictorial content called for an investigation to determine what the functions of the magazine actually were.

By the time the magazine had been suspended for investigation all but 100 of the *Wagon's* issue had been purchased. The 100 magazines were recalled and destroyed.

A cartoon cover on the April issue featured two scantily-clad Frenchmen of opposing sexes leering at each other across a coat of arms. Remnants of a French phrase, well known to GIs who spent time in the European Theatre, peeked around a large, stamped "Imported & Censored." Editorial matter in the issue followed the pattern set by the cover.

In its 21 years of publication the *Wagon* has had several episodes similar to its April suspension. Two students started the publication as a humor magazine in 1930. The *Whirlwind*, as it was called, was taken over by the Publications Board the following year.

The *Whirlwind* ran into trouble in 1936.

As a result two students were suspended from the University, and the name of the magazine was changed to the *Covered Wagon*.

In the last few years, the *Wagon* has differed with the publications board on several occasions. In the spring of 1948 a feature on a striptease dancer brought about a cease and desist order.

A repeat planned a year later was not favored by the Publications Board. The staff went out on strike as a protest, but a new staff was named and the *Wagon* went back on the stands.

The committee which had been appointed to examine the functions of the *Wagon* announced in April that it will continue in spite of its French issue. However, it will be changed to a news and picture magazine for the two remaining issues of the school year.

Ups & Downs

Matrix Winners. Shirley Hill, senior in psychology, Mrs. A. I. Ortenburger, special assistant professor of zoological sciences, and Irene Bowers Sells, society editor of the *Oklahoma City Advertiser*, were selected in

April to receive the annual Matrix Table awards.

The awards are presented annually by Theta Sigma Phi, professional journalistic fraternity for women.

Presentation of the awards was scheduled for the annual Matrix Table dinner early in April. However, due to the illness of Lillian Smith, noted author who had been engaged as speaker, the event was cancelled.

Miss Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Hill, Norman, was selected to receive the award presented to the outstanding senior woman, on the basis of her outstanding scholarship and service record. As the only woman student elected to junior Phi Beta Kappa in 1950, Shirley has a 2.87 grade average for her four years of college work.

In addition she has been active in extra-curricular activities.

From the standpoint of contributing the most in service to the University and its students, the award to the outstanding faculty woman was presented to Mrs. A. I. Ortenburger, instructor of the University's marriage orientation course.

Mrs. Ortenburger's popularity was indicated in 1947 when students circulated a petition to include her "Looking to Marriage" lectures, which she had been giving to University women, in the college curriculum. Mrs. Ortenburger is also active in

civic affairs, having served as president of the Norman P.T.A. council.

In keeping with Theta Sigma Phi's purpose of recognizing outstanding journalistic work, the award to the "number one" state woman was presented to Irene Bowers Sells who, in November, 1949, was elected to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame as the dean of newspaperwomen in Oklahoma.

Third in a Series. When Martha Jean Monnet, '50ba, was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa in March, she was the third generation of the Monnet family to achieve the scholastic honor.

Her grandfather, Julian Charles Monnet, late dean emeritus of the University Law School, was the first of the Monnet Phi Beta Kappas. He obtained his membership at the University of Iowa and was a charter member and first president of the University chapter when it was installed May 24, 1920.

His son and Martha's father, Julian Claude Monnet, '20ba, '22Law, was elected to membership and initiated with the first group on the same day the O.U. chapter was installed.

Nothing New. March 10 was a rough day in the life of Heino Susi, student from Estonia doing graduate work in Chemistry at the University. During the rainy Satur-

day night he was hit by a car while walking home after coffee hour. Both of his legs were broken.

In the Municipal Hospital in Norman he explained that he is an old hand at being roughed up.

At the age of 14 he attempted to flee to Sweden when Hitler's troops started to move into his small country. He was a passenger aboard a ferry boat which was overtaken by a German patrol as it attempted to escape.

He worked on a German farm raising food for the Nazi machine until Russia liberated him and put him to farming in Eastern Germany. He escaped from the Russians by walking over to the Western Zone and the British.

As a displaced person, he went to school and waited until he was able to come to America under the displaced persons allotment passed by Congress. The Methodist Church helped with passage and arranged an Oklahoma home for him.

Susi, who hasn't heard from his family in Europe for four years, will spend 12 weeks in the hospital while his broken legs mend.

Pressed

Big Industry. The University's professional writing program has developed into a \$100,000 a year industry for Oklahoma.

That is the sales figure estimated by Professors Walter S. Campbell, and Foster Harris, who teach six courses in professional writing at O.U.

Former students of the Campbell-Harris classes reported in 1950 the sale of 214 articles, 132 short stories, 69 poems, 15 books and several other writings, including three movies. Students also sold Sunday school lessons, radio programs and editorial writing for newspapers and magazines.

Some 60 books by Campbell-Harris students have been published during the last three years. At least a half dozen former students now hold editorial staff positions on fiction and non-fiction magazines, with press associations, radio stations, or are working in television.

The professional writing courses will be transferred from the Department of English to the School of Journalism June 1.

Named. The University's journalism building is no longer incognito. Early in April a new aluminum sign with 18-inch letters was placed over the stone which identified the building as the University Press.

Since 1946 when the new University Press building was completed, the campus has had two "Press" buildings. Actually, the old press building has been known as



"Buy Ze Feelthy Magazine"
... The Oklahoma Daily's satirical comment



The first annual Ted Beaird Memorial Speech award was presented in April. Shown receiving the award is Miss Haroldine Rose Amis, Covington highschool senior, as Mrs. Ted Beaird (Katheryn Haxel, '24), watches Hicks Epton, '32 Law, Wewoka, make the award. The speech award was established from contributions of alumni and friends to the Ted Beaird Memorial fund. Epton serves as chairman of the memorial committee.

the journalism building since that date. The sign makes it official.

Devoted Decades. The University of Oklahoma has a Press of which the football team can be proud.

The Press has published more than 225 books since it began operating as the publishing division of the University in 1928. On June 1, 1929, the first book to bear the imprint of the Press appeared.

It was *Folks Say, a Regional Miscellany*, collected and edited by B. A. Botkin, who subsequently edited three other *Folk Say* volumes, and who more recently has become distinguished for *A Treasury of American Folklore* and *A Treasury of New England Folklore*.

Publications in agriculture have appeared with increasing frequency during the last 10 years. The most notable of the volumes in this category is *Plowman's*



Quintin Little, Ardmore oilman and industrialist, has been appointed a member of the University Board of Regents.

Named by Governor Murray, he succeeds Joe McBride, '28bus, Anadarko newspaper publisher who has served two 7-year terms on the board.

Little has been active in Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma oil circles for many years. Formerly in the oil business in Sher-

Folly, by Edward H. Faulkner, published in 1943, of which there are now 240,000 copies in print.

English and American letters, American historical studies, Western Americana, books of cultural interpretations and biography—these are some of the diverse and interesting fields to which the Press has devoted itself during the decade.

Acclaimed

The Newest Ideas. Oil exploration brought 492 geologists from all parts of the United States to the Second Annual Sub-surface Geological Symposium held on the University's North Campus March 15-16.

The symposium, which already has received wide acclaim from geologists the world over, featured 15 outstanding speakers, covering virtually every phase of petroleum exploration and exploitation.

The newest ideas and techniques in the field of subsurface geology were discussed during the technical sessions.

The geology symposium is sponsored jointly by the University School of Geology and the Department of Short Courses, Extension Division.

man, Texas, he came to Ardmore in 1946. He has been an independent oil operator at Ardmore, Madill and Sherman since 1931 and has extensive industrial interests.

He attended Kingston highschool, Ter-ril School for boys at Dallas and Oklahoma Baptist University.

The new regent is pictured above with Mrs. Little in a photograph taken especially for *Sooner Magazine*.